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## Tinian mayor sues for recount



The wife and children of murdered farmer Cheng You Li appeal yesterday for swift justice. The three arrived on Saipan last Saturday after learning about the murder of Cheng You Li and his brother-in-law, Hai Ren Li.

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### Wife, 2 kids of slain farmer appeal for swift justice

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The wife and children of Cheng You Li, one of two Chinese farmers that were recently murdered, appealed for justice yesterday and they urged the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to immediately arrest the suspect or suspects.

» **Victim was supposed to go back to China this December for daughter's wedding**

The family also disclosed that Cheng You Li, 47, was actually scheduled to go back to China this December to attend the wedding of his daughter.

Cheng You Li came to Saipan in July 2001 and never went back to China. His scheduled return to China this December was supposedly for good.

Cheng You Li's wife, Wu Zhi Lin, 44, and two children—Yan Ping Li, 23, and Ming Sheng Li, 19—flew to Saipan last Saturday after learning about the murders.

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» **Dela Cruz: If necessary, void election results and cause new election to be held**



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**T**inian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz, who lost his re-election bid, is suing Tinian mayor-elect Joey P. San Nicolas and the CNMI Commonwealth Election Commission to force a recount of the ballots and, if necessary, hold another election for Tinian mayor.

Dela Cruz said he filed the lawsuit in the CNMI Superior Court yesterday on behalf of the people of Tinian to "seek a recount, to assure the voters of the sanctity and efficacy of their votes, and, if necessary, to void the election

results and cause a new election to be conducted."

Attorney Mark B. Hanson is representing Dela Cruz.

In his lawsuit, Dela Cruz said

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### Seven-day early voting for runoff kicks off tomorrow

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The seven-day early voting for the gubernatorial runoff race between Gov. Eloy S. Inos/Ralph DLG. Torres and Heinz Hofschneider/Ray N. Yumul will kick off tomorrow, Friday.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the early voting

will start on Friday, from 8:30am to 4pm.

Just like in the Nov. 4 general elections, early voting for Saipan and the Northern Islands will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

For Tinian and Rota, early voting will be at both islands' respective Department of Public Safety buildings.

Guerrero hopes that early vot-

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## Star Marianas awaits timeframe for access to Guam int'l airport

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REPORTER

The Guam International Airport Authority has already identi-

fied an interim location for Star Marianas' proposed entry into the CNMI-Guam airline market but, according to airline president Shaun Christian, no fixed

time has been set on when they can start using the site.

GIAA has notified Star Marianas, according to Christian, that the location, designated as

the "Yellow Cargo Building," would have to be renovated first. On top of this, Guam Customs would have to approve the location, he said.

He also believes the Federal Aviation Administration would need to ensure that the facility meets standards and statutes to be used as a passenger terminal.

Star Marianas would like a timeframe for when these things would be accomplished. In an Aug. 28 letter, GIAA first proposed the use of the building as an interim terminal. But until now, according to Christian, Star Marianas has not received word from GIAA on when this location would be provided. They have been trying for about two years to gain access to the Guam airport.

Previously, they sought the use of GIAA's commuter terminal. But it was reported that the terminal would not pass certain safety clearances for regular flights. GIAA proposed the YCB building in its stead. Star Marianas currently provides chartered flights to Guam. But this does not mean true access to the airport, according to Christian.

"We still do not have any

right to self-access at the Guam airport," he said.

Currently, Star Marianas is stuck with using third party handlers for its flights and passengers, according to Christian.

Use of third party, he said, amounts to "substantial costs."

In earlier negotiations, Star Marianas proposed a launch date of Sept. 15. According to Christian, they are ready to begin regular scheduled flights as soon as the matter is resolved.

Right now, only United/Cape Air flies the Guam-CNMI route.

In a press conference in September, Christian said Rota has the beauty and scenery that is ready for a successful tourist economy. All the island is missing, he said, are tourists.

"It has to have an airline that's willing to work with that market to be able to have the frequency and reliability and schedule that is necessary. [There is] no opportunity to do a day tour of Rota using Cape Air's product. We are the only airline that could provide that," he had said.

## CHCC expects CMS update this week

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. expects the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide it with an update this week on the status of its condition of participation in Medicare.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that a couple of things are to be expected from CMS due to the resurvey it did on the Commonwealth Health Center on Sept. 8.

The public hospital faces three possible options: outright termination of the hospital's Medicare provider agreement, which would loss of millions of federal dollars; another extension for the hospital to address specific concerns raised by CMS; or recertification of the hospital.

"They won't necessarily recertify the hospital but, of course, we are hoping for the latter, not the extension. I know that definitely they saw some improvements [in the last resur-

vey]. It was a bit challenging for us because, while we were correcting the compliance issues with CMS, we were also putting in the electronic health records or EHR," Muña said.

During the installation of the EHR systems, CMS noticed documentation issues, in which the hospital was fully aware of prior to the resurvey.

"As much as we want it to be perfect, it is difficult to be perfect when we're implementing something and correcting something at the same time. Then the survey came. I am not trying look for excuses. The issue is we cannot have many excuses every time we're not compliant, but we have addressed it and along with the other issues that CMS had cited us for," Muña said.

"But again, the question there is: Is it good enough to remove the termination? I cannot answer. Basically CMS has to make that administrative decision, but at the end of the day we will continue to make our services better for the administration and our

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## Hearing officer for San Nicolas investigation to be named soon

The hearing officer for the investigation of Saipan Southern High School vice principal Eric San Nicolas is expected to be named this week, according to the Public School System's legal counsel office.

According to the office, the decision awaits Board of Education approval. Hearings will be scheduled and proceed from there, with both parties being called in.

San Nicolas was sent on administrative leave with pay on Sept. 29. He has been investi-

gated for questionable behavior while vice principal of Tinian Jr. Sr. High School.

"We are doing our best to see if his conduct rose to the level of termination," Tiberius Mocanu, legal counsel for PSS, said in an interview last month.

A former student of San Nicolas at TJSHS earlier said the investigation may have to do with an affair San Nicolas had with a student at the school. The girl involved was reportedly 19 years old at the time. (Dennis B. Chan)




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## Ketebengang takes witness stand

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Carlos Ketebengang, a 38-year-old man accused of fondling the breasts of a then-12-year-old girl four times on Saipan in 2012, took the witness stand yesterday in Superior Court to deny the allegations.

As this developed, the six jurors in the case started the deliberations yesterday afternoon after both the prosecution and defense counsel rested. The jurors will continue their deliberations today, Thursday, at 8:15am.

The prosecution rested the government's case after calling its fourth witness. Defense counsel Colin Thompson then moved for a judgment of acquittal.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed three counts of disturbing the peace but not the one count of disturbing the peace and four counts of sexual abuse of a child in the second degree.

With Camacho's ruling, the jurors will decide on the four counts of sexual abuse of a child in the second degree. Camacho, who is presiding over the trial, will decide the remaining count of disturbing the peace.

After the government rested, Thompson called the defense's only witness, Ketebengang, who denied fondling the girl, saying both of them were never alone in one room.

Ketebengang said he does not know why the girl is making up such accusations against him.

When asked why he chose to testify, Ketebengang said he wants to express himself so people will know his side. He said the past two years have been hard for him and his wife. He said right after the funeral of his mother-in-law, he was arrested.

"I don't want what happened to me will happen to anybody," he added.

In the government's closing arguments, assistant attorney

general Clayton Graef said the girl's testimony showed how Ketebengang took advantage of her and broke her trust in him.

Quoting the girl's testimony, Graef said that Ketebengang touched the victim's breasts four times over her shirt and under her shirt between August and September 2012.

Graef said the girl, who is now 14, spoke about the sexual abuse when a teacher noticed a red mark on her neck and brought her to the school's counselor.

The prosecutor said the girl also told the same things to her mother, investigators, and to the jurors.

In the defense's closing arguments, Thompson said Ketebengang is a brave man because he has chosen to testify when the law does not require him to do so. Thompson said in this case, there are no exhibits, photos, or any other physical evidence presented.

Thompson said if the only evidence is "he said, she said," then jurors are not firmly convinced based on such contradictory statements.

The defense lawyer said the girl's story began when the teacher noticed a red mark on her neck. Thompson said the girl tried to hide that red mark and when Judge Camacho asked her if it was a hickey, she replied "no." Yet the girl never answered where the red mark came from, Thompson said.

He said the girl first stated she had no boyfriend but later admitted she had.

"She has lied to you," the lawyer pointed out. "She's pushing a story, untruthful story."

In the government's rebuttal, Graef said in such sexual abuse cases, there are no photos or other physical evidence. Graef said the law states that if the witness or witnesses are credible, then the jury can convict.

He said the girl testified that she has no boyfriend now, but that she had one before.

## No decision yet on grace period for those with pending CW renewals

There is decision yet on the proposal to allow Commonwealth-only workers to continue working for up to 240 days or eight months while their CW permit renewal applications are being processed.

Marie Thérèse Sebrechts of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said the 60-day comment period for the proposal closed on July 11, 2014, and USCIS received many comments, which it has reviewed.

"USCIS will publish a final rule expeditiously," she said in an email.

The proposed rule change would allow E-3, H-1B1, and

CW-1 nonimmigrant workers up to 240 days of continued work authorization beyond the expiration date on their Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, while the extension request is pending.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Marianas Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands have all asked USCIS as early as 2012 to authorize continuing employment for those with pending CW renewal applications. **(Mark Rabago)**

## Candidates told to take down signs by Friday

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The Saipan Zoning Office is asking candidates to start taking down their political signs by Friday.

Zoning administrator Therese Ogomoro said yesterday that all candidates should take down their signs, except for the candidates for the gubernatorial runoff election.

Any candidate who fails to comply will be charged \$150 each day that the sign is still up.

"Inspections will be conducted on Saturday and we

hope that everyone will comply," Ogomoro said.

If any candidates have questions, they may call the Zoning Office at 234-9664.

The signs were

**» Penalty for non-conforming candidates is \$150 per day**

supposed to have been taken down by Nov. 10, six days after the election, but Zoning extended it until tomorrow, Nov.

14, as an accommodation to candidates who have not taken down their signs.

"This includes all the signs. The runoff election candidates can run their signs until their respective election is over," Ogomoro said.

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# Man gets 46 mos. prison term for selling 'ice'

The federal court slapped a three-year-and-10-month prison term on a man who admitted to selling methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Hong Wang last week to 46 months

in prison and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,200 to the Drug Enforcement Administration and \$100 in court assessment fee.

Manglona also ordered Wang to pay \$2,400 pursuant to a preliminary order of forfeiture, but the U.S. government may move

to substitute any property not to exceed the value of \$2,400 to satisfy this obligation.

The judge said the plea agreement previously contemplated the forfeiture of Wang's 2005 Toyota Corolla sedan but this will not be part of the order due to the car's ownership dispute.

After completing the prison term, Wang will be placed on three years of supervised release. He was given credit for time served.

After serving his prison term, he will be turned over to immigration for removal proceedings.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross

Naughton appeared for the U.S. government. Attorney Colin Thompson served as court-appointed counsel for Wang.

Wang, 41, pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of methamphetamine. As part of the deal, the U.S. government moved to dismiss the remaining charge. The court granted the motion.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on March 6, 2013, Wang sold 9.7 grams of "ice" to an individual working as a confidential source for DEA in exchange for \$2,400.

On Aug. 20, 2013, Wang sold another 9.7 grams of "ice" to the same DEA confidential source in exchange for \$2,200. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## Resolution honoring Teacher of the Year prefiled

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) has prefiled a House resolution that seeks to honor Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School teacher Marvin Slone Tamangided for being named 2014 CNMI Public School Teacher of the Year.

House Resolution 18-65, which was prefiled last Nov. 7, states that Tamangided became a

middle school classroom teacher at Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School in 2010 and originally taught 7th and 8th grade Language Arts, Social Studies, and Business Math.

From school year 2012 to 2013 though, Tamangided took on additional responsibilities, becoming a 7th grade English Language Arts e-teacher under

the Distance Education Online program for the CNMI Public School System.

The prefiled resolution states that Tamangided won the 2014 CNMI-wide PSS Teacher of the Year plum among a field of 20 outstanding public school teachers.

The award was given to Tamangided during the 2014 Pub-

lic School System banquet held Oct. 29 at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Tamangided is in his fifth year teaching on Rota. He is originally from Saipan, having attended Garapan Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Marianas High School before heading to Guam for college. **(Mark Rabago)**

## 11 finish CNMI Motherread/Fatheread session

The CNMI Motherread/Fatheread presented yet another successful completion ceremony at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, for the Adult Basic Education Class sponsored by the Northern Marianas College.

Eleven students participated in the three-month session at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The Adult Class was facilitated by Motherread/Fatheread certified adult trainer Celina Foreman.

Participants included Bernice Sanchez, Sylvester K. Kapileo, Holly Kapileo, Anthony Tudela, Srinapa Eitz, Nikkita Fitial, Vicenta Sanchez, Angel Ichihara, Nolan Valentine, Juljean Ngeskebei, and Joesph Fukuichi.

Two students completed the 11-hour class session with perfect attendance: Anthony Tudela and Srinapa Eitz.

Interested ABE students may contact Elsie Cabrera (elsie.cabrera@marianas.edu) at the Northern Marianas College to sign up for the next MR/FR ABE class!

The CNMI Motherread/Fatheread Literacy Program is administered by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council in partnership

with the CNMI Public School System, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Schedules for interested private schools, and organizations/agencies could be arranged by contacting coordinators Viola Deleon Guerrero or Beth Demapan at 235-7319/989-8542/788-5785 or e-mail cnmimotherread@gmail.com. **(PR)**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Motherread/Fatheread coordinator Viola Deleon Guerrero, Alejandra Manabat, RJ Manabat, Motherread/Fatheread Adult trainer Celina Foreman, Anthony Tudela, Srinapa Eitz, Ethan Eitz, and Motherread/Fatheread assistant coordinator Beth Demapan.

## MAYOR

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the ballots cast on Tinian during the Nov. 4 election and the early votes cast on Tinian were tabulated first on Tinian. He said the vote tally from the preliminary tabulation for mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan was 446 votes for Dela Cruz, 348 votes for San Nicolas, and 23 votes David Cing.

Dela Cruz stated that it was observed prior to the ballots being sent to Saipan that there were 23 unreadable ballots, six ballots with over votes of some type, and one ballot that was blank.

"Apparently, after Tinian ballots were transmitted to Saipan for the 'official count,' the Election Commission retabulated the Tinian ballots and incorporated early voting ballots not cast on Tinian and absentee votes in the election," Dela Cruz stated.

He claims the unofficial tabu-

lation for the Tinian ballots (not including the absentee and early votes cast other than on Tinian) was 455 votes for Dela Cruz, 358 votes for San Nicolas, and 23 votes for David Cing—a difference of 19 votes from the preliminary Tinian tabulation.

"We went to bed on election night with the unofficial results showing we had won another landslide election among the people of Tinian," Dela Cruz said. "Then, when we woke up in the morning, we were told that we had lost by seven votes due to off-island votes. Then began the phone calls from outraged voters. Over the next few days, more and more voters came forward to tell us about irregularities in the election and asking me to take the issue to court."

Dela Cruz said one irregularity was the discrepancy between the votes cast tabulated on Tinian and the tabulation on Saipan. There were possibly 10 votes for Tinian mayor race not

counted by the Election Commission from ballots physically cast on Tinian, he said.

Dela Cruz claims that the Election Commission allowed seven Republican Party supporters to cast votes in the Tinian election despite the fact that those seven Republic Party supporters were "serving a sentence for a felony."

Dela Cruz also accused the Election Commission of tampering with a number of ballots cast on Tinian, making permanent indications of votes on original ballots.

"The Election Commission failed to follow proper procedures prescribed by statute and regulations for the counting of and preservation of ballots that the voting machine could not read," he said.

He said he wants to ensure that the election process was conducted fairly and in accordance with the law so as to protect the integrity of the democratic process and to ensure that

the results reflect the choice of the people of Tinian.

"Therefore, I filed the case on their behalf," he said.

He said that among the major complaints that voters had were the failure to properly handle voters who were mailed absentee ballots but voted in person anyway, and allowing people to vote who were not legally eligible to vote because they were on parole resulting from a felony conviction.

"All we are asking is that the court review the Tinian election to ensure that the candidate chosen by the people in a fair election is declared the winner. Should the decision go against us, we will of course respect that decision," Dela Cruz said.

"At least, this case should provide adequate data for the Election Commission board and the Legislature to make appropriate changes to the election law to ensure that these problems do not mar future elections," he added.

## RUNOFF

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ers will not come all at the same time on the first day on Friday to avoid overcrowding as what had happened during the last early voting.

He said in the last early voting, it was smooth on the second day to the seventh day, in which the flow moved steadily and voters completed the process from 10 to 15 minutes at the most.

For this early voting, Guerrero said they will put more election booths inside the buildings to hopefully avoid crowding.

In the last early voting, there were 3,800 early voters.

Guerrero said they are expecting the same number of early voters for this runoff.

For the absentee voting, the

executive director said they already sent 2,300 absentee ballots on Monday and that voters may receive them this weekend or early next week.

He said the request for absentee ballots was prior to the Nov. 4 general elections.

"If they marked general runoff, they get absentee ballots," Guerrero said.

"We have to receive all the ballots no later than Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> with the understanding that it must be postmarked on election day or Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>," he added.

The Inos-Torres machinery got 46.6 percent of the total votes cast, just about 4 percentage points less than the required 50 percent-plus-one rule that would have resulted in their team being declared outright winner, preventing a runoff election.

## WIFE

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In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, the wife and children appealed for swift justice, saying Cheng You Li's murder has been so painful for them.

The family said they went to the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue on Tuesday but police did not allow them to see the victim's body.

The wife and her children want to cremate Cheng You Li's body in Guam then bring the ashes to Fujian Province, China.

It was Cheng You Li's Saipan-based brother who called them in China shortly after the bodies of Cheng You Li and Hai Ren Li were found at the old airport runway in Koblerville last Nov. 2.

"I'm so angry. I'm so sad," the 19-year-old son, Ming Sheng Li, said.

Ming Sheng Li was only 6 years old and his sister was only 11 years old when their father left China to come to Saipan and join

Hai Ren Li to do farming.

Ming Sheng Li said although their father never went back home since leaving in 2001, he regularly called them. He said her sister's wedding this December would be moved to next year because of their father's death.

Ming Sheng Li said his graduation will be in 2017 and the family does not know now how he can continue his college studies.

Family and friends described victim Cheng You Li as a very nice person who does not drink.

"After working in the farm, he goes home and sleep," said the brother.

According to the autopsy, Cheng You Li's cause of death was due to multiple lacerations and wounds inflicted primarily on his neck.

Hai Ren Li's cause of death was from a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

On Tuesday, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero disclosed that they have a person of interest who has been cooperating with investigators.

## CHCC

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people," she added.

CMS put off its decision in mid-January and in June this year, and gave the health-care corporation another five months to correct problems previously cited by CMS. The prospective date of termination of CHC's Medicare

provider agreement was then extended to Nov. 14, 2014, which is tomorrow.

CMS resurveyed the hospital on Sept. 8 to 12. At the time, Muña said that CMS looked at medical records, medical staff files, and several areas of the hospital that included the pharmacy, laboratory, operating room, and the hospital's heat, ventilation, and air-conditioning system or HVAC.



# 3 main challenges stymie direct int'l flights to Tinian

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The door to direct flights from Asia to Tinian may rest on a

defunct departure terminal's repair and the required presence of security and processing personnel, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority's acting

executive director Ed Mendiola yesterday.

Right now, Mendiola said, the lack of Customs and Border Protection and Transportation Security Administration personnel, as well as an inoperable departure terminal are the "main challenges" to direct international flights to Tinian.

"CBP and TSA are not there yet. Processing of international passengers will not be possible until such time," he said.

One airline from China did express an interest in direct flights to the island but it "never materialized," he said.

Which would come first, the security or the jet planes? That would be on the initiative of an interested party to inform these agencies of their intention to fly

to Tinian, Mendiola said.

"[CPA] has no part in that. We just provide the facility, and they do their thing," he said.

Tinian's departure terminal, whose renovation has been ongoing since 2009, has never been in use, according to Mendiola. Its construction started in 2005.

Once that project is completed, he said, CPA should be in better shape to accommodate international flights to Tinian.

Right now, he said, the existing Tinian runway is "more than

adequate" for direct flights.

Joe Mendiola, Tinian's airport manager, said that CPA's engineering division has already selected a contractor to renovate Tinian's terminal but no notice-

to-proceed has been given yet.

Wendi Prater, CPA's executive assistant for its engineering division, is off-island and could not be reached for comment as of press time.

## H/Y camp: We're saddened by IT misinformation campaign as well

Hofschneider-Yumul campaign chair David Attao says that Heinz and Ray love everybody and that there is no room for negativity in their campaign.

"Since we started, our camp has always focused on the issues," Attao said, responding to chairman of the Committee to Elect Inos-Torres Greg Camacho's "sadness" over H/Y camp's supposed negative attacks. "We don't have any time to focus on personal attacks. We are working very hard to earn the people's votes and continued trust in our candidates. We invite our opponents to follow our lead."

Campaign spokesman John P. Del Rosario said, "I, too, have been saddened by the personal attacks launched against our candidates for months now on social media and throughout the community."

"I, too, am saddened," said

Del Rosario, "over the current state of government affairs and the way people are living on the islands. We're sad because the cost of living is high. We're sad that the power bills are high. We're sad that crime is high. We're sad that some of the Commonwealth's politicians are in the service of foreign investors attempting to steer the election to IT for their own reasons and these are things to be genuinely sad about."

The Hofschneider-Yumul campaign is waging a grassroots campaign on a shoestring budget against opponents that it says have millions of dollars at their disposal, "thanks to their association with casino interests."

"We will continue to work for the greater community and not the interests of the select few," Attao said. "Please vote right. Please vote Heinz and Ray: the right choice." (PR)

## IT camp deplores 'scare tactic' ad

Greg Camacho, chairman of the Committee to Elect Inos and Torres, issued yesterday a statement on what he described as their opponent's recent scare technique ad.

"While I can appreciate our opponents heritage, I certainly didn't expect him to resort to using language coined by Adolf Hitler," said Camacho.

"In an ad published in yester-

day's paper, our opponent titled their ad 'The Big Lie.' The Big Lie is the expression coined by Adolf Hitler, when he dictated his 1925 book, *Mein Kampf*.

"Again I implore our opponent to run a clean campaign like he promised on election night. The IT campaign is running on the issues, not on baseless accusations," Camacho stated. (PR)

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# Deadline to select potential EEMCs extended 23 days

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The federal court has approved a joint request by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and the CNMI government to be given 23 more days to complete the evaluation process to select an Engineering and Environmental Management Company that will complete some stalled CUC projects.

In approving the extension request last week, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter required EPA, CUC, and the CNMI government to meet and confer no later than Nov. 19, 2014.

Carter required the parties

to propose potential qualified EEMCs to the court by Dec. 3, 2014.

Carter approved in September a settlement agreement between EPA, CUC, and the CNMI government that will require the CNMI government to, among other things, hire an EEMC that will be vested with the power to hasten the completion of some stalled CUC projects.

The CNMI government is required to set aside over \$22.8 million until 2018 for these projects.

On the selection of an EEMC, EPA may identify up to five potential candidates. CUC and the CNMI may also identify up to five potential EEMCs. All parties will then reduce the number

of potential EEMCs to be submitted to the court.

If the court does not select one of the parties' proposed EEMCs or an EEMC withdraws or is no longer retained, all parties will need to submit a new proposed EEMC.

In that September order, the parties were given 45 days or up to Nov. 10, 2014, to submit proposed potential EEMCs for court approval.

In the parties' request for extension last week, EPA counsel Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien, CUC counsel James S. Sirok, and Attorney General Gilbert J. Birnrich stated that although EPA and CUC have regularly discussed

the EEMC process and they talked on the phone on Oct. 27, 2014, the formal meet and conference set for that day has not yet been scheduled.

The lawyers said the parties have made substantial progress meeting the requirements of the order but want the court to extend the deadline by an additional 23 days.

The lawyers said the parties have diligently moved the EEMC selection process forward in order to meet the deadlines but they need more time to complete the process and maximize the likelihood of identifying qualified candidates.

The lawyers said in order to focus on the best qualified potential EEMCs and to narrow

the number of potential applicants, the parties will independently review the responses and narrow that initial list based upon qualifications, experience, and other relevant data.

The narrowed list of potential EEMCs will then be asked to provide more details such as specific project experience rates for labor categories, and indirect rates.

The parties, they said, will further evaluate the additional information in order to finalize a list of potential EEMCs that will then be discussed as part of the formal meet and confer process.

Upon completion of the EEMC evaluation process, the parties will provide the court with a list of qualified potential EEMCs.

In Carter's September order, the EEMC will be appointed for a five-year period, unless the appointment is terminated by either party, with the court's approval.

The \$22.8 million that the CNMI government will deposit is intended to reimburse the EEMC's expenses and shall not be utilized for CUC's day-to-day expenses. The funds shall be used solely for approved EEMC's expenses for Stipulated Order 2 projects.

CUC currently has about \$2.27 million in grant funding available for SO2 projects.

The SO2 projects approved for this funding include the CUC pipeline; tank erection cleanout and testing; secondary containment; and used oil disposal.

# Doromal welcomes extension of parole for kin of US citizens

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Human right activist and former Rota educator Wendy Doromal applauds U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' decision to extend parole for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and certain "stateless" individuals until Dec. 31, 2016.

"Foreign relatives with minor U.S. children and others are welcoming the news. Many of the foreigners who qualify for parole have lived in the CNMI for decades, previously as foreign contract workers under the

former CNMI immigration program. Those with U.S. citizen children in public schools are relieved that they will not have to uproot their children to return to their homelands where there are no job prospects and less educational opportunities for their children," she said in her blog, Unheard No More!

Doromal disclosed, however, that the Commonwealth's non-resident investors are getting antsy about the status of the EC-2 Visa Program.

"Nonresident investors in the CNMI are anxious to learn if the non-functioning U.S. Congress

## »Relays anxiety of nonresident investors on E-2C status

can get their act together long enough to pass legislation that would extend the E-2C visa program until 2019. The program is set to expire on Jan. 1, 2015."

Many of these nonresident investors come from China, the Philippines, Korea, and other Asian countries years and even decades ago, to invest in small businesses in the CNMI.

"They opened upholstery shops, auto repair shops, beauty parlors, laundries, tailors, grocer-

ies, and other small to medium-sized businesses. They have paid taxes, employed thousands, and boosted the CNMI economy. Without an extension of the program, over 250 CNMI nonresident business owners and their family members will be out of status within two months. The majority of these people left their homelands decades ago to start a new life in the CNMI, many investing their life's savings."

Doromal lamented that these nonresident business owners, who were lured to the CNMI and made the islands their home and contributed so much for years and decades, do not qualify for green cards even though some of them estimate that over the years they have invested even more than \$500,000 in the CNMI.

Under the EB-5 Program, foreign investors would have to be a new business and plunk down \$500,000 to qualify.

"Unless a bill that would extend the E-2C visa program passes and is signed into law or the CNMI's legal, long term nonresident business owners are

granted permanent residency by Jan. 1, 2015, hundreds of small businesses would close. Many will be left jobless sending shock waves through the CNMI economy."

Doromal contends that years of contributions to the CNMI have earned these legal, long-term nonresidents—contract workers or business owners—permanent residency status.

"Extensions are like band aids, but granting them permanent residency with a pathway to citizenship will ensure a stable economy and remove the uncertainty."

The CNMI's exemption from U.S. asylum laws and the exemption from the H visa caps are also set to expire on Jan. 1, 2015.

# Visa extension for Chinese tourists could work for and against CNMI

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) welcomed yesterday the signing of reciprocal visa validity arrangement that extends visas for Chinese visitors to the United States for up to 10 years

and vice versa for American tourists visiting China.

"The President's announcement that longer-term, U.S. visas will be available for tourists, businesspeople, and students from China could benefit the Commonwealth. First, in simple geopolitical terms, anything

the U.S. and China can do to enlarge and normalize relations enhances security in our region. That's good for us," said Sablan in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan, who is en route to Washington, D.C., to resume his work in the final days of the 113th Congress, said the deal

would also improve commerce between the U.S. and China, which benefits would trickle down to the Commonwealth.

"China is also a growing trade partner for the Commonwealth, and giving Chinese investors and businesspeople the opportunity to stay in the Northern Marianas longer will encourage trade. The Commonwealth is also becoming a destination for students from Asia, so making it easier for Chinese students to stay for longer periods of time could benefit us in that respect."

Simon Chan, a partner at the international law firm, Dorsey and Whitney in its Hong Kong office, said the U.S. and China visa agreement would jump-start the former's economy by influencing many business sectors.

"The new U.S. visa procedure on Chinese visitors will certainly give Chinese deal-makers better access to travel to the U.S. It will likely drive up private equity investments both at a personal and institutional level. We are already seeing Chinese companies set up offices in West and East coasts. And we are seeing more and more wealthy Chinese families acquire homes and properties in the U.S. as a result," said Chan.

He said the first sector in the U.S. that will benefit from all this will be the U.S. real estate market.

"We are already seeing mega deals being negotiated and made in New York, [Los Angeles], and Chicago. They relate to Chinese

petitive advantage of the CNMI and said that the islands' cheaper travel packages could serve it in good stead in the future.

"Of course, our greatest asset with respect to China at present is that tourists from that country can enter the Northern Marianas without any visa at all. And, according to the White House, potential Chinese tourists rate ease of visa policies, behind only cost, as the determining factor in where they travel. Even with the new, longer-term visas the Commonwealth retains that competitive advantage over the rest of the U.S. But, as China and our nation continue to ease travel restrictions, the challenge for the Commonwealth will be to keep finding ways to make our islands a good value and a great vacation destination for Chinese tourists," he said.

The reciprocal visa validity agreement extends the validity of short-term tourist and business visas issued to Chinese citizens traveling to the United States from one to 10 years—the longest validity possible under U.S. law. It also increases the validity of student and exchange visas from one to five years. The deal also applies to Americans traveling to China.

Tourists from China now comprise the largest group of visitors to the Commonwealth, growing from just over 112,000 in 2013 to over 157,000 this year, according to Marianas Visitors Authority data.

Chinese visitors formed 36 percent of total visitor arrivals in fiscal year 2014, which is a 40-percent increase compared to the same period in 2013.



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In Re The Matter Of } FCD GU CIVIL  
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Brian M. Mendiola II } **NOTICE OF**  
Minor Child } **HEARING**

By: }

Evelyn Mendiola }

Brian M. Mendiola }

Petitioners }

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on December 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Rota Courtroom, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2014.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court  
/s/ By: Deputy  
Clerk of Court



# THE DEATH OF PARADISE

IT sometimes takes hours for police officers respond to a 911 call. IT may even take a few more hours for the crime technicians to appear. Crime scenes are compromised. Lives are at risk and people die. We've all heard the voice recordings pleading for help in two murder cases.

This is the result of issues and problems stemming from weak leadership. The men and women of DPS deserve better and so does our community.

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- ✓ Depoliticize public safety and all other government departments
- ✓ Reinstate Policy Academy
- ✓ Enforce merit based promotions in public safety and other government agencies
- ✓ Develop and follow strict hiring policy for law enforcement officers
- ✓ Develop and fund training for rank and file as well as management staff

*Four Chinese farmers have been brutally murdered and four sisters are inexplicably gone, burglaries are daily occurrences and drugs are openly sold everywhere, destroying lives.*

- ✓ Develop and fund training for police officers
- ✓ Develop a new compensation schedule. Police officers should not earn only \$12,000 per annum
- ✓ Provide funding for state of the art evidence room and crime laboratory.
- ✓ End nepotism
- ✓ Recruit and promote strong, qualified, respected leaders

Morale at the Department of Public Safety is at an all time low because of mismanagement at the top and blatant favoritism.

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# 2nd 'Another Cheesy Fundraiser!' on Sunday

The Second Annual Grilled Cheese Cook-off will be held Sunday, Nov. 16, from 4pm to 8pm at Garapan Central Park Round Pavilion. This event is limited to 20 competitors and 150 tasters. All profit from this "cheesy" event will be split between two worthy non-profits: the

CNMI Salvation Army soup kitchen and Soroptimist International of Northern Mariana Islands. Last year's event raised over \$1,400 for the local soup kitchen to support their power bill needs in preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Soroptimist International of North-

ern Mariana Islands awards an annual educational scholarship to local women in need well as support the local women's shelter.

You can participate by cooking your best grilled cheese and competing for cheesy prizes, or purchase a taster ticket for only \$20

which includes admission, a taste of all sandwiches, delicious tomato soup from various local restaurants, two drink tickets, a shiny quarter to vote with and cheesy games. If you'd like to be a cheesy cook, email shscottc-sr@aol.com in advance for the rules and registration.

Prizes include limited edition aprons, engraved spatulas, cell phones and gift certificates to various businesses. Sandwich categories this year are: Purist, Suh-weet, and Whodathunkit. There will be a winner and runner-up prizes in each category for the popular vote (where it's

okay to buy yourself a win because it's for charity) or the Big Cheese vote, which will be judged by representatives from both charities as well as island dignitaries and a professional chef.

Contact Shelly Scott for more details at (670) 989-9001 or shscottc-sr@aol.com. (PR)

## NMC environmental club cleans up Laulau

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Students from the Northern Marianas College turned their holiday off into a beach cleanup at Laulau Beach on Veterans Day, collecting over 200 pounds of trash.

The cleanup was organized by NMC's Environmental Natural Resource Organization, which was just chartered for the school year this month, president Jolly Ann Cruz said. The time at Laulau marks their first official cleanup this year.

Tuesday's cleanup spanned the beach under a hot sun. Larger volumes of trash were found closer into the jungle. Marine debris could be seen washed up also.

After bags were weighed and sorted, ENRO counted about 180 lbs of recyclables and about 87 lbs of trash for about 266 lbs collected that day.

Cruz said the cleanup was inspired by one impromptu beach cleanup at Bird Island last month when the group went for a hike after Typhoon Vongfong hit.

They saw enough trash over the area that could not be ignored, Cruz said.

"We felt like we had to give back," she said.

Cruz said ENRO also helps the Division of Fish and Wildlife with its turtle-tagging program. Laulau is also a turtle nesting area.

This is one reason why Cruz believes the area is important.



Students from the Northern Marianas College's Environmental and Natural Resource Organization and other volunteers held a beach cleanup at Laulau on Veteran's Day.

"Laulau is of historic and economic value. It's a tourist dive site too. It's important it's kept clean," she said.

She said the activity is also a way to get their organization to

bond, as many of the volunteers that day were first time members.

A member new to ENRO this year, April Indalecio, said she had fun.

"I picked up a lot of trash, and

that's what I came here for! I love the environment," she said.

ENRO was assisted by the Micronesian Islands Nature Alliance with the cleanup, providing a truck and trailer to load the trash.

The trash would be brought to the Lower Base transfer station, Cruz said.

Interested volunteers can contact ENRO at enro@mari-  
anas.edu.com.

## Eucon Int'l College now offers graduate degree

Eucon recently was granted a category III accreditation by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools at its accreditation commission meeting on Oct. 20-21, 2014. This status allows Eucon to of-

fer graduate degrees. At this time, the college is offering a Master of Arts in Theology that will commence in fall 2015.

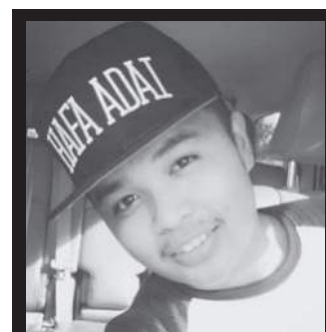
The decision came after a thorough investigation by the TRACS Focus Team that vis-

ited Eucon in August 2014.

This is part of the dedication of Eucon ministries to provide quality Christian education and reach out to the community and the Asia-Pacific region. The leadership of Eucon will con-

tinue to strive harder to improve the education industry in CNMI by offering more courses available to the public. It is the desire of the institution to offer graduate studies in education and other areas in the near future.

Eucon International College also intends to change its name to "Eucon International University" sometime in the future. Eucon also offers undergraduate courses in the evening. For inquiries call 670-234-3203/7 or email info@eucon.edu. (PR)



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Edgar Niric, who is celebrating his special day today! May you have many more birthdays to come and we hope you enjoy your special day. Greetings come from your friends and family.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Nov. 20

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

#### CCA board meeting on Nov. 25

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014, at 3:00pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

#### Customer Service Excellence training set

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Customer Service Excellence training on Nov. 18, Tuesday, as part of its monthly scheduled seminars. These monthly seminars are a great value, and the proceeds benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Fund and other Chamber events, which benefit the business community. Tuesday's seminar offers training by two local experts: Jim Arenovski (Island Training Solutions) and Josephine Mesta (Hyatt Regency). Cost is only \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. The seminar begins at 9am and ends at noon, and will be held in the Chamber conference room at the Marianas Business Plaza. Seating is limited to the first 30 confirmed attendees. For more information, contact the Chamber at 234-7150 or executive@saipan-chamber.com. (SCC)



# LETS GET REAL AND DEAL WITH FACTS

Our opponents would like you to believe that they stand tall in fighting for retirees when in reality they fall quite short.

While they have served in the legislature for many years it appears they have forgotten the checks and balances process so we will provide a short review for them.

By law the Governor provides a budget to the legislature for their consideration and used as a benchmark. The House then completes their own budget and then transmits to the Senate for their review and approval. Once the legislature has approved the budget it is sent to the Governor for action.

There is a big difference between following the law as an appointed Government official and DRAFTING/ENACTING law as a Congressman!

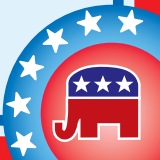
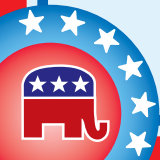
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EI: As Lt. Governor, he supported the Governor’s veto of HB 16-083 RT: Voted against HB 16-083	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HH/RY: Authored bill to stop holiday pay and reduce government contribution to retirement fund to 11% from 18% (HB 16-083)</b>

Bottom line: The provisions of the budget act mandates the expenditure of public funds according to the language enacted by the CNMI Legislature.

When Governor Inos took office he had a choice to make – allow the Retirement Fund to go bankrupt or identify a solution to ensure that all retirees receive their hard earned money.

Governor Inos and Senator Torres did not shy away from their responsibility to the retirees and enacted a solution that will keep the pensions paid for years to come.

Leadership means more than being Present – it means making the hard decisions that benefit all the People.





# Opinion

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## World Diabetes Day should make us focus on prevention

**N**ov. 14 is World Diabetes Day, a time to get a grip on this epidemic.

By next year in the United States, there will be almost 40 million people with diabetes, 83 million cases of pre-diabetes, and many new cases of blindness, leg amputations and kidney failure. Next year, some 342,000 Americans are likely to die from diabetes.

This is a terrible toll. And a costly one: Caring for everyone with diabetes in this country is likely to carry a price tag of around \$380 billion next year.

We can't sit idly by and watch this epidemic continue to explode. On this World Diabetes Day, we must do something about it, and it's clear what needs to be done.

A report in the September issue of *Diabetes Care* by four leading diabetes authorities points out that we could make a serious dent in diabetes by finding pre-diabetes and early diabetes cases when they are first evident and treating them more effectively.

The authors say we often diagnose the disease 10 years too late, so they recommend routine screening, combined with appropriate disease management. We need universal screening of people older than age 20. This should take place not just in medical offices but also in churches, community centers and other social gathering places.

Diabetes in this country today has to be recognized as an epidemic and dealt with as such through a public health approach.

It is no longer just an individual health concern, a matter between doctors and patients. It affects the entire community.

And it affects the workplace. It drains productivity through absenteeism and less effectiveness on the job, and many diabetics leave the work force early because of disability or early death.

State and local health departments need to take the lead. In addition, however, we need to form broad-based community councils for diabetes control and prevention. Public awareness of the problem—and of possible solutions—is paramount, and everybody must be involved in dealing with it.

Prevention is key. We've got to change the dietary and exercise behavior of our population, beginning with our children in preschool and elementary school.

Then if we block the conversion of pre-diabetes to diabetes we could see the positive health and budget results in a short time.

And with an organized approach to improve the care of diabetes patients, we could begin to diminish the complications of diabetes: the blindness, leg amputations and years of dialysis due to kidney failure.

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## May the 3rd Battle of Fallujah be the last

**A**s the nation honors all of those who have fought in its wars this week, the veterans of Fallujah deserve a special place in our memory. It was 10 years ago that Marines and soldiers engaged in the toughest fighting Americans have seen since the Battle of Hue during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. Nearly 100 Americans were killed and more than 500 wounded while reclaiming control of the city from Iraqi insurgent forces led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the founder of the terror group al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI).

It was not the first time Americans had died in Fallujah. On March 31, 2004, four American contractors working for Blackwater Security were ambushed in the city by insurgents. They were murdered, and then their bodies were burned and desecrated by cheering mobs of Iraqis and hung from a bridge over the Euphrates River.

America responded with blind rage. Despite pleas from Marine commanders to conduct targeted strikes against those responsible for the deaths of the contractors, the White House issued an order to attack the town in force. Army and Marine forces responded with all the violence of which U.S. forces were capable. It didn't work out well.

My tank battalion was next door, stationed in the town of Khalidiyah. We sent tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles to serve as part of the outer cordon of Fallujah, preventing enemy reinforcements from joining the fight and insurgents from fleeing. The fighting was intense, and the Iraqi response staggering.

Fallujah is a Sunni city in the Sunni province of al Anbar, Iraq's wild west. There was no love lost between Iraq's majority Shia Muslims and its Sunni minority; the two groups would descend into civil war just two years after this first battle of Fallujah. But the full-bore American attack on Fallujah united all Iraqis as had nothing before or since. Iraqi forces cut U.S. supply lines, Shiite politicians in Baghdad protested against the violence being inflicted on their Sunni countrymen, and America's few remaining partners in the coalition threatened to withdraw. It was a stunning repudiation of U.S. policy, and it worked.

Marine Maj. Gen. James Mattis, then commanding the famous First Marine Division, was on the verge of taking complete control of the city when he was ordered to withdraw his forces. Mattis, livid, fumed, "If you attack to take Vienna, take Vienna." Instead, America turned control of Fallujah over to the hastily formed Fallujah Brigade, a group of Iraqi Sunnis who were quickly infiltrated by insurgents. Fallujah became a cesspool ruled by radical Sharia Islamic law, a place where Americans were forbidden to enter, and where AQI manufac-

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

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tured improvised explosive devices and car bombs targeted both at Baghdad and at my troops in Khalidiyah.

The situation became untenable over the summer of 2004, with Fallujah serving as a safe haven for the insurgent cancer that was infecting all of Iraq. My tank battalion redeployed to Fort Riley, Kan., after a year in al-Anbar, our town and province both more deadly upon our departure than they had been when we arrived, with the insurgents in Fallujah a primary cause of death and destruction.

Safely back home, I arrived at the Pentagon days before the U.S. presidential election that reelected George W. Bush and gave him the political mandate he deemed necessary to attack Fallujah again. Days after the election, he ordered Operation Phantom Fury to clear Fallujah of insurgents and restore the city to Iraqi government control—tasks accomplished by American, British, and Iraqi soldiers and Marines, at an enormously high cost.

Now, 10 years later, Fallujah is again in the hands of Sunni insurgents. President Obama withdrew all U.S. troops from Iraq at the end of 2011, against the unanimous advice of his military commanders. AQI, now under new management, regained strength in a Syria torn apart by civil war. The terror group reemerged in 2014, rapidly seizing most of al-Anbar province from beleaguered Iraqi forces crippled by the absence of American advisers and airpower. And three days after a stinging defeat in the midterm elections, Obama doubled the number of American advisers on the ground in Iraq to prepare for another offensive to reclaim Fallujah from the hands of al-Qaeda affiliated insurgents, now calling themselves the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS.

More Americans will fall in this third battle of Fallujah, to be remembered next Memorial Day and for all Memorial Days to come. And veterans of this third battle of Fallujah may be forgiven for hoping that this will be the last time Americans bleed to secure Fallujah from radical Islamists bent on terrorizing Iraq and the world. They deserve national policies and strategies worthy of their sacrifices.



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## Futtuna-ta gi rayan destrosiu

**E**ste na eleksion gaige un` raya gi mena-ta: Dignun Natibu `sino Esklabu! Kuestion: Kau \$40 miyon pesos solu baliña i dignu yan unrota, kuttura yan tradision natibu? Kau este uttimu nina` siñan gume`eluluye gobietnamen-ton iya Marianas?

Seriosamente, hu hahassu manu `nai gaige i dichu asunto gi este na estrakadan politika: Proteksion natibu pat chalan aseguru na destrosiu?

Huñgan, mamopble hit lau hagas hayuta pinepble ya mañgon-tentu hit gi chinatsaga-ta. Metgot i sensian ina`ayuda yan yine`ase mina` man-mesñgon hit gi maseha hafa na ira yan mattiru.

I mañaina-ta animu gi finana`guen kilisyanu ya ti mana` fanekun hit gi halom didog na chinatsaga. Machahlau kilu`us niha ya fitme man-mapipet hit mona estake hita mismu siña ta uma i achon ni man-ma-entrega hit.

Estague` na pisu `nai man-mapega hit ni mañaina-ta. Ti ayu i para ta benden pot \$40 miyon pesos i sumen guaguan na un`rota kumu natibun iya Marianas. Maila tapan agu`ot kanai ya ta protehe futturon famaguon-ta, kuttura-ta, tradision-ta yan futtunan espiritun natibu.

### Hinemlu` Chinu

Guine gi alacha, un` inetnon mediku ni mañasaunau gi mafatinas amot siha madiskukute un` kuestion: Haf` na i Chinu mas anaku` ha` aniña gi halom todou rasan tautau?

Nina` fan matman ni manadan Chinu ni mangqaige gi idat sientu

yan mas. I otu siha rasa puru idat nubienta. Ni unu hihot gi Chinu.

Matutuhon inadu` modun linala` Chinu. Ha inklusu klasen ne-ñkanu`, offisiu diariu, eksisiu gi tutuhon `sino finagpu` ha`ane yan otu bida siha ni umayuyuda hinemlu` niha.

Sige man-daña mediku siha entalu` America, Uropa, America, China yan Japon pot para umana` afagcha` haf` sineda` niha piot pot tutuhon chetnot yan hafa amotña.

I Amerikanu ha rikonose haf` chinetmu ya ayu ha` ha amte. I Chinu, ha rikonose haf` na klase tatautau-mu. Era, i tatauta-ta dos kategoria `nai poduñg: maneñgheñg yan maípe. Ginen este `nai ha tutuhon umebalua i chetnot antes de u amte.

Lau klaru na pot mas ke siñku mit años i Chinu puru amot ginen tinamom ha u`usa `nai taya` binenu. Muchu mas sa` homlu` kinalamteña diariu deste oga`an esta i oran deskansu.

Antes lokue` de finatton modetnu na amot siha i natibu hagas usuña amot ginen tinanom pot hinerasion. Man-brabu na tautague antes pot lamayot patte gi gualu` `nai ma-ususune mantension familia. Entre ennuu `sino manhanau man-peskan chenchulu, talaya, fisga yan lulai.

Ti hutuñgu` kau u afagcha` dispues mana` asaguan amot Amerikanu yan Chinu. Enfin, bai` diskute ennuu dispues de guaha mas sineda` estudiu niha.

### Premiun kantan natibu

Sige man-malagnos siha `nos kuantos premiu pot kanta yan che`chu` attista gi halom natibu entalu` este yan Guahan. Ha estotba-yu` este

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Face off

During the general election, our Commonwealth was divided four ways as to who they thought should lead us as governor and lieutenant governor. Every one of the four teams' supporters gathered at large rallies and smaller pocket meetings of their respective teams to hear what each candidate had to say.

Since then, a failure for either party to secure that 50 percent plus one vote of the electorate has led us into a grueling runoff election cycle pitting the incumbent Republican Party tandem of Inos/Torres against the Independents Hofschneider/Yumul.

The two lowest vote getters (Democrat's Deleon Guerrero/Quitugua and Independent Babauta/Torres) have since both endorsed Inos/Torres, begging many to wonder, "Why?" Why would the two parties' candidates tell supporters who clearly voted for *new* leadership to support the current administration? Why were the people's call for change all of a sudden silenced? Besides, 54 percent of those who voted for governor did not vote for IT. Last I checked, that's the majority.

Sure, their endorsements mean something but what it definitely doesn't mean is that 100 percent of all their supporters will undoubtedly support IT in the runoff. Those voters wanted change and I wouldn't be surprised if their supporters feel abandoned, if not betrayed.

These voters are free to think for themselves. Endorsements are only encouragements. Voters still have the right to make their own decisions.

It's uncommon for parties' supporters, by and large, to regularly attend the rallies and pocket meetings of other parties (unless they're spies of the incumbent administration scoping out government employees to target for job termination). So, BT supporters know what their guys stand for and the Democrats know what their guys stand for. But I bet they wouldn't know what the top two parties stand for.

Even the GOP doesn't know what the H/Y camp stands for! On the CNMI GOP Facebook page, a post called out the H/Y campaign asking why their campaign hasn't ever released their platform. Well, if the GOP did any kind of research they would know that the platform has always been readily available for view and download on the H/Y camp's official website. The passive accusation of "What are they hiding?" was definitely a cheap shot.

So, in fairness to those Democratic and BT Independent supporters who only attended their parties' rallies, as well as the about 3,000 people who didn't vote, Governor Inos and former speaker Hofschneider *must* have a forum. And for voters who will not be able to be in attendance for it due to limited seating, it should be televised and repeated throughout the date of airing and runoff election day. The Chamber

says they are working to contact both parties, which I truly thank them for.

The governor has not engaged the public on a large scale since the runoff campaigns have started. Hofschneider, we can safely assume, is ready to go and has been ready, but has respected the governor's health not to keep pushing for a forum.

But we, the people, must push. Push the governor to address us: the people. We need to hear his plans from *him*. We don't need to hear Ivan Blanco, Ralph Torres or anyone of the highly paid wordsmiths in his campaign. We need to hear *him*. This is an election that will dictate the course our executive leadership will take in the next four years. If the CNMI GOP won't take time to look for our platform, how many others do you think haven't cared to look up any platform?

### Rose Yamada

Kagman, Saipan

## Ana Teregeyo walks!

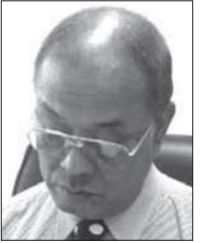
After almost a year of being in a wheelchair, Ana Teregeyo (seen here with daughter Geri and her orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Grant E Walker) received reconstructive knee surgery in the mainland. I performed Ana's original fracture surgery in the fall of 2013 but was terminated by CHCC under Esther Muna and Sharleen Osman when I stood up for patient safety concerns. This is America and these patients are owed and deserve an American quality of care. Yet what followed were several accusations against me that were nothing but a ruse to try to muddy my reputation and shift attention away from real patient issues. Public Law 16-51 is currently undergoing a review by Sen. Juaquin Borja in order



### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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siha na premiu pot man-ma-upus i magahet mumirese saludun todus pot klaru na gai signifkasion kontribusion niha.

Gi `nos kuantos ni man-lalala` gaige si Señor Felix R. Fitial. Guiya tumuge` i "Mames Korason" yan "Gi Papa` I Kandet". Ha tuñgu` sofia ya guiya fuma tunadaye yan palabraye i dos kantaña. Megai tumuñgu este dos kanta ni madadandan gi fina` inetnon `sino gupot. Estague` un` señor ni kabales mumirese saludu pot kontribusioña. Hagas lokue` mañetbe kumu maestro antes.

Dos otu ni ma-upus lau megai tinige` niha deste otidariu yan kantan gima Yuus yan ha`anen gupot siha si defuntu yan defunta William S. Reyes yan asaguaña as Maria. I bihu as Tun Goru` Kilili` tumuge "Gi talu` gi halom tasi", si Tun Josen Pangelinan "Ti gi un` palasyon i riku" yan "I hatdin giya paraisu". Debi ta onra este siha na tautau-ta sa` siha tumuge`yan umesgaihon mona kantata deste antes.

to remove the one-person dictator-like control the position of CEO has at CHCC. Ana Teregeyo's travel and living expenses have also been denied for the surgery by CHCC. I now currently sit on the Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

### Dr. Grant E Walker

via email

## Outraged veteran

As a third generation U.S. Navy veteran I have always valued the tradition of Veterans Day. It is a day to reflect and thank those who have served our country with honor and valor.

Yesterday, I attended the laying of the wreath ceremony, to honor those that have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms. The day brought back many memories of my time served and the friends I've made and lost over the years.

As I looked around the crowd attending, I saw several veterans of various wars. Widows held their children who lost their fathers, young students involved in ROTC, and family members who have or had a relative in the military. It was very emotional for many of those in attendance.

The final part of the ceremony is perhaps the most emotional and occurs when those that have served (or currently serve) in the Armed Forces gather around to lay the wreath. Obviously, I take it very seriously.

Then, as I stood there in awe, a wave of anger rushed over me as I watched Heinz Hofschneider decide to use the ceremony as a campaign photo-op. This is incredibly disrespectful and I am outraged that someone who has never served would use this solemn day to campaign. I understand that it is appropriate for elected officials to participate but you, sir, are NOT an elected official. It takes some serious nerve for you to weasel your way in while vets look on from the crowd. You have lost my respect.

You have disgraced yourself and turned a day of remembrance into a self-serving photo-op. Our veterans and active duty members deserve an apology.

### Ian R. Morrell

Kagman, Saipan

## WORLD

From Page 10

Now that we know what we have to do, let's mobilize the public and political will to get at the task. The health and financial well-being of the country is at stake.

Failure is not an option.


Let's mark this World Diabetes Day as the day we started to salvage the health and wealth of the country from the grip of the diabetes epidemic.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
East winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
East winds 15 to 20 mph.

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SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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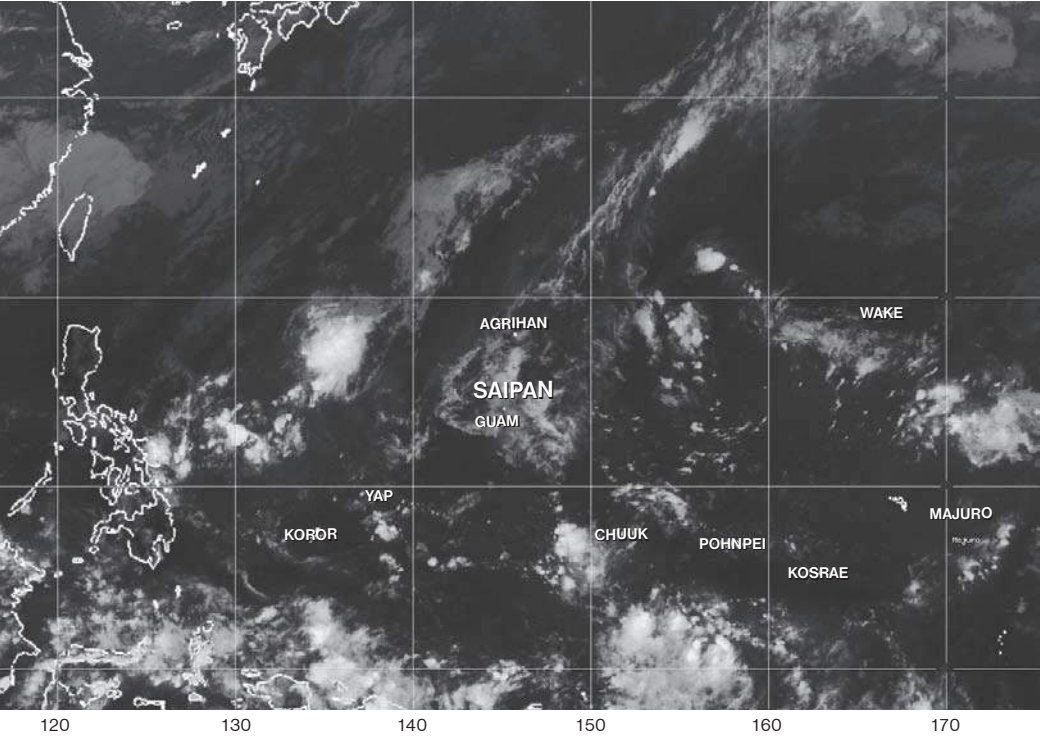
MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from a circulation centered northwest of Koror at 10N130E to end at another circulation centered southeast of Chuuk at 1N156E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of Koror south of a line from 3N130E to 4N134E to 2N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are also found southwest of Chuuk between 8N and 4N from 148E to 152E. Similar weather is located south-southeast of Chuuk between 4N and the equator from 151E to 158E. A surface trough runs northeastward from the circulation at 10N130E to 20N137E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located well north of Yap and Koror within 80 miles of a line from 19N135E to 16N136E to 12N132E. Another surface trough over the Marianas stretches southward from 17N145E to 10N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over the Marianas within 70 miles of a line from 17N145E to 14N145E to 10N149E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of the Marshall Islands between 17N and 11N from 164E to 177E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Thundershowers	▲62	▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲52	▼25
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼65
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼71
London	Showers	▲56	▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼54
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼73
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼67
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼67
New York	Showers	▲66	▼40
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲51	▼44
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼45
Pusan	Windy	▲51	▼39
Rome	Showers	▲64	▼44
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲50	▼31
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼57
Seoul	Sunny	▲43	▼30
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼47
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼38



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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
5:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
1:08 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:11 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
11:12 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	11:14 PM	11:22 AM
Friday		12:04 PM
Saturday	12:02 AM	12:44 PM
Sunday	12:49 AM	1:22 PM
Monday	1:36 AM	2:01 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7		
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7		
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota		
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5		
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5		
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UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily		
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1			OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily		
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OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily			OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily			OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:30pm	5:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764A	1:30am	5:30am	4, 7			MU763A	4:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 6		
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 5			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	4, 7		
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
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Business

For men, informal ‘flex’ arrangements work best

By CINDY KRISCHER GOODMAN  
MIAMI HERALD

Twice a week, Phil Ward arrives at his Fort Lauderdale, Fla., law office earlier than usual and plans his day knowing he wants to watch his son’s lacrosse practice at 6:30 p.m. If his wife can’t drop his son off at practice, Ward does some extra maneuvering of his schedule to leave his office earlier. He might work through lunch or log on later in the evening.

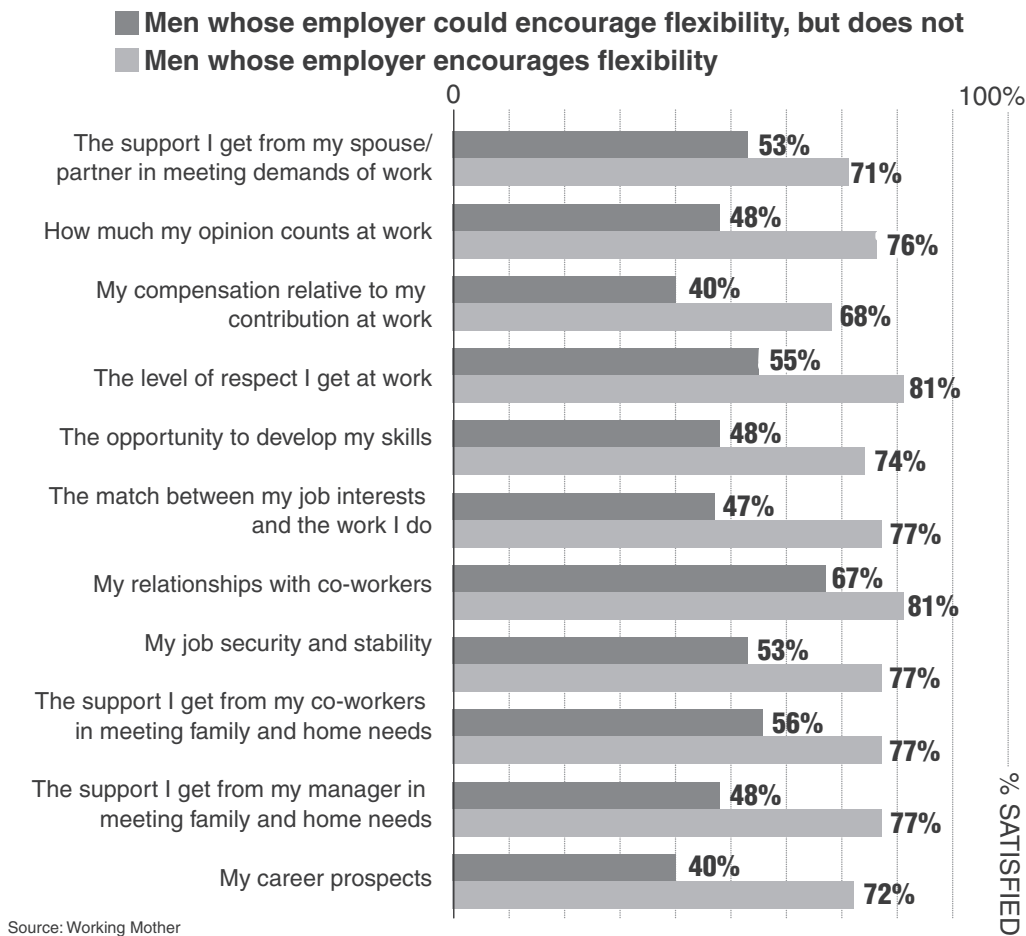
“A lot of dads feel like I do, that it’s important to be out there,” Ward says. “I don’t have to ask anyone if it’s OK to leave early. As a lawyer, if you are productive, you do have the flexibility.”

Men often are an afterthought in conversations about workplace flexibility, but in their own informal way, many men like Ward are exercising it. Unlike working mothers who push for formal flexible work arrangements, working dads are using flexibility under the radar, working at home as needed to care for a sick child or shifting their hours to coach their child’s sports team.

How Men Flex, a newly released report commissioned by Working Mother, shows that 7 in 10 men enjoy the ability to influence their schedule and do so without fear of negative con-

Flexible schedules for male workers

Men who work in flexible working situations report higher job satisfaction than those without, according to a study by Working Mother.



sequences. But only 29 percent report that their flexible work schedule is a formal arrangement that repeats week to week.

Men “flex” mostly as needed. To better understand how men are navigating the flexible work and home terrain,

the Working Mother Research Institute, with support from Ernst & Young, surveyed 2,000 men and women about

the impact of “flexing” on their lives. Researchers discovered that working dads, whose spouses now work too, increasingly want and need flexibility in their schedules as they partake in the juggling act once considered the exclusive domain of women.

For dads like Todd Goodwin, a vice president in information management for American Express in New York, flexibility is fluid, the researchers found. Goodwin told them he shifts his work hours as needed to accommodate pediatrician appointments or soccer games for daughters Tyler, 15 and Madison, 12. He believes as more male leaders are becoming parents, they can relate to his request to leave by a certain time one day or work from home a couple of days one week if needed. “We’re all trying to manage the same work-family balance.”

Others like Mike Syers, who now shares custody of his 12-year-old daughter, Holly, the flexibility requires structure. Syers, a partner and practice leader for transaction advisory services at Ernst & Young in New York, appreciates that his accounting firm has a culture that accommodates flex.

After separating from his partner of 23 years, Syers has had to get comfortable using

flexibility to have dinner with his daughter one or two nights a week and pick her up from school at 3 p.m. Fridays when its his weekend with her. “I’m not working less hours. I am working differently ... working my schedule around my other commitments,” Syers explains.

As a manager of teams, Syers says he is open with staff about why he will have to review their work papers from home later or reschedule a meeting. “Just saying I have a conflict or it doesn’t work with my schedule, doesn’t set the right example. Flexibility works best when there is open communication.”

Like women, men with access to flexibility are more likely to say they are happy at work, productive, loyal and have good relationships with co-workers. They also report some flexible arrangements work better than others. Of the men surveyed, most said they prefer a mix of working from home and the office.

The most popular option was working in the office full-time but occasionally from home, which was chosen by 25 percent of those surveyed. Second was working from home one to two days a week, which was chosen by 23 percent. Fathers who work from home five days a week are the least happy, the study found.

China wins support for Asia-Pacific trade proposal

HUAIROU, China (AP)—Leaders of Asia-Pacific economies agreed Tuesday to begin work toward possible adoption of a Chinese-backed free-trade pact, giving Beijing a victory in its push for a bigger role in managing global commerce.

In a joint statement after a two-day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, the leaders including U.S. President Barack Obama and Russia’s Vladimir Putin agreed to take a first step by launching a two-year study of the initiative.

“This is a historic step in the direction of an Asia-Pacific free trade area,” said Chinese President Xi Jinping at a news conference.

China is promoting the proposed Free-Trade Area of the Asia Pacific despite U.S. pressure to wrap up other trade negotiations. Analysts see it as a response to a U.S.-led initiative, the Trans-Pacific Partnership,

which includes 12 countries but excludes China.

The APEC leaders also promised to work more closely to combat official corruption. That is a special concern for Beijing, which is stepping up efforts to pursue officials who flee abroad with stolen public money.

Beijing has launched a series of trade and finance initiatives in pursuit of a bigger role in U.S.-dominated economic and security organizations to reflect Beijing’s status as the world’s second-biggest economy.

APEC was the first major in-

ternational gathering in China since Xi took power and gave Beijing a platform to lobby for a bigger leadership role.

On the eve of the summit,

Beijing announced a free-trade agreement with South Korea. Also Monday, regulators approved a plan to open Chinese stock markets wider to foreign investors by linking exchanges in Hong Kong and Shanghai. That followed the

weekend announcement of a \$40 billion Chinese-financed fund to improve trade links between Asian economies.

Earlier this year, Beijing launched a regional development bank with 20 other governments. In May, Xi called

for a new Asian structure for security cooperation based on a group that includes Russia and Iran but excludes the United States.

China says its motives are benign, but its growing economic weight as the top trading partner for most of its neighbors from South Korea to Australia could erode U.S. influence.

Tuesday’s meeting took place under elaborate security at a government conference center in wooded hills north of the Chinese capital.

In an effort to appear more open, organizers took the unusual step of allowing access from the press center to websites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube that usually are blocked by China’s extensive Internet filters.

The Asia-Pacific trade pact was first proposed by an APEC business panel but China took the lead in promoting it. It marks the first time Beijing has played a leading role in a multinational trade agreement.



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# Nation

## Veterans Day means freebies for those who served

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Army reservist Dennis Rances had a general idea of how he would spend Veterans Day with his military friends, and none of it required money.

The Afghanistan war veteran figured they would start with a free breakfast, ride their motorcycles and then stop for a no-cost dinner. Not just food was on the house Tuesday, there was also free admission at select theaters to the World War II film "Fury," starring Brad Pitt.

"Let's go, dude!" said Rances' Army veteran friend, Cesar Garcia. He stood among motorcycles outside a packed Denny's in San Diego as fellow veterans wearing hats with Purple Heart logos and military T-shirts passed.

Veterans Day is not only a time to honor those who have served in the military: For American businesses, it's also a time to back up that appreciation with a freebie.

A slew of locally owned businesses and national chains offered something free Tuesday to anyone who has served in the military—a trend that has been growing since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"I think it's pretty cool businesses are showing their appreciation this way," Rances said.

Many, like Rances, started the day with a free meal. Den-



Retired U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran Larry Woodrome orders a free lunch at Denny's, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 in Gilbert, Ariz.

ny's was offering a Grand Slam breakfast on the house, and IHOP served up free red, white and blue pancakes.

Veterans could then walk off the calories in national parks, which offered free admission to everyone, and re-energize with a free 12-ounce cup of Starbucks-brewed coffee for current and former military members and their spouses.

They could stop in for a free

haircut at Great Clips or get a card to redeem one by Dec. 31, then grab lunch or dinner without spending a dime at Applebee's, Olive Garden or Chili's, among others.

And that's only scratching the surface: There were free appetizers, beer, gym passes, car washes and video game tokens.

Retired Navy Cmdr. David Glazier, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said

he was inundated with offers.

"It's kind of overkill," he said. "There's only one of me, and I can only eat one lunch."

While veterans appreciate the goodwill gesture, many, like Glazier, missed out because they had to work. Some businesses were extending the deals beyond Tuesday.

Glazier planned to go to Knott's Berry Farm, the theme park south of Los Angeles,

which is offering free tickets to present and former military members and a guest until the beginning of January.

Bob Goldin, executive vice president of the Chicago-based food industry consulting firm Technomic, has not seen figures on the impact of the deals, but he does not believe they lead to a long-term boost in sales.

But with so many big-name companies offering freebies, there is pressure to join them.

"It's like apple pie," he said. "It's patriotism. Who dares being anti-veteran?"

Most veterans were well-aware that the freebies were also a marketing opportunity for businesses, but Glazier said that's not a bad thing.

"To me, the real perversion is Memorial Day, because Memorial Day has become a giant party day and sale day for American businesses, yet that is supposed to be the day we honor America's war dead," Glazier said. "Veterans at least are alive and here. So offering a free lunch to them or another sincerely good deal, I think it's a nice thing to do."

## US fights cybercrime from suburban office parks

By **MARTHA MENDOZA**  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

**ARLINGTON, Virginia (AP)**—Ground zero in the nation's fight against cybercrime hides in plain sight, in a nondescript suburban office building with no government seals or signs.

Only after passing a low-key receptionist stationed on the seventh floor does one see the metal detectors, personal cellphone lockers and a series of heavy doors marked "classified"—all leading to the auditorium-sized National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center.

Inside, around-the-clock, close to 100 specialists monitor floor-to-ceiling maps of the U.S. and world, along with streams of data and breaking news. States are color-coded from green to red, for a low threat of attack to severe.

"This is where we put out the fires," says Phyllis Schneek, chief cybersecurity official for the Department of Homeland Security, nodding at an image of a rotating globe on a monitor the size of a movie screen.

This fall, The Associated Press paid rare visits to two key civilian and military cybersecurity centers, a secret lab and a 24/7 incident-response venue where the government's computer scientists work to combat an increasing bombardment by thieves, hostile states and hacktivists.

Cyberattack now eclipses terrorism as the biggest threat to national security, according to U.S. intelligence chiefs. And an AP report published this week found the \$10 billion-a-year federal effort to protect the nation online is failing to keep up with attackers who tap into .gov and .mil networks from coffee shops down the street or military bases on the other side of the world.

The hubs for the nation's online defense are tucked away in

office parks mostly in Washington's sprawling suburbs. There are no external signs these are classified facilities. The AP was granted access only after agreeing to not disclose street addresses, or record equipment serial numbers or employee badges. Some images on desktop monitors were also off-limits. Cellphones were barred, background checks required.

Inside the DHS cybersecurity center in Arlington, Virginia, rows of industry, military and intelligence analysts watch three large monitors on each of their desks; they're detecting, preventing, responding to and mitigating cyberattacks.

Some scan through columns of numbers, monitoring live data fed through the federal "Einstein" program, a software system that searches government networks for malware, viruses and hacks. Others spot defaced websites and data leaks. Frequently, teams travel directly to infected computers to get them off the network.

Department of Homeland Security spokesman Sy Lee declined to comment on whether the center was involved in stopping a recently reported cyberattack on White House networks, but he said DHS generally leads such response efforts.

Infected military computers are taken to a similarly discreet building in Linthicum, Maryland.

The Defense Cyber Crime Center has an ordinary entrance where a receptionist checks in visitors before they pass through locked doors. Then there's a second entrance, a wood-paneled wall with military seals and potted plants. Down a maze of hallways, cybercrime soldiers and defense contractors extract information from devices seized from battlefields, military crime scenes and federal employees whose computers may have been hacked.

## Doctor who had Ebola leaves New York City hospital

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Hugging the health workers who cared for him, a doctor who recovered from Ebola said Tuesday he was a living example of effective treatment and urged support for those combating the virus' outbreak in West Africa.

"Today, I am healthy," a smiling Dr. Craig Spencer said as he was released after nearly three weeks in Bellevue Hospital, where he had been the last Ebola patient under treatment nationwide.

"Please join me in turning our attention back to West Africa," where the virus has killed thousands of people this year, he added after thanking Bellevue staffers who treated him and getting a hug from the mayor.

Spencer was diagnosed Oct. 23, days after returning from treating Ebola patients in Guinea with Doctors Without Borders. His was the first Ebola case in the nation's largest city, spurring an effort to contain anxieties along with the virus.

Hours after his release, his fiancée was released from being quarantined at their Harlem apartment. Officials said she would instead be monitored, along with nearly 300 other people, including some Bellevue workers and recent travelers



Dr. Craig Spencer, foreground, who was the first Ebola patient in New York City, is hugged by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio during a news conference at Bellevue Hospital, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 in New York.

from West Africa.

Mayor Bill de Blasio praised New Yorkers for not panicking, the city's public health system for its preparedness and effectiveness and Spencer for showing "us what it means to help your fellow human."

Spencer talked by telephone with President Barack Obama, who was in Beijing and thanked him for his service to the United States and to the people of West Africa.

The emergency room physician, who is expected to return to work soon at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Colum-

bia University Medical Center, had done medical work overseas several times before he spent more than five weeks caring for Ebola patients, alongside Guinean colleagues he called "the heroes that we are not talking about."

"I cried as I held children who were not strong enough to survive the virus," Spencer recalled. "But I also experienced immense joy when patients I treated were cured."

After his own diagnosis, some of those patients called from Guinea to wish him well, he said.

Spencer's treatment included a transfusion of blood plasma from another Ebola survivor, health officials said.

Officials have stressed that Ebola is not airborne and can be spread only through direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person who is showing symptoms. Still, news of Spencer's infection unnerved some New Yorkers, particularly after they learned that he rode the subway, dined out and went bowling in the days before he developed a fever and tested positive.

But "Welcome Home" balloons were tied outside to greet the doctor when he got home Tuesday, and neighborhood residents such as Timothy Brewer were sanguine about New York's experience with Ebola: "The city has a handle on it," he said.

After Spencer's diagnosis, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie responded by announcing a mandatory 21-day quarantine for travelers who have come in close contact with Ebola patients. That touched off a debate over how far government should go in keeping tabs on health care workers who treat Ebola.



# Asia

## US, China unveil ambitious climate change goals

**BEIJING (AP)**—The United States and China pledged Wednesday to take ambitious action to limit greenhouse gases, aiming to inject fresh momentum into the global fight against climate change ahead of make-or-break climate talks next year.

President Barack Obama announced that the U.S. would move much faster in cutting its levels of pollution. Chinese

President Xi Jinping agreed to cap China's emissions in the future—a striking, unprecedented move by a nation that has been reluctant to box itself in on global warming.

“This is a major milestone in the U.S.-China relationship,” Obama said, with Xi at his side. “It shows what’s possible when we work together on an urgent global challenge.”

The unexpected break-

through by the world's two largest polluters, unveiled on the last day of Obama's trip to China, reflected both nations' desire to display a united front that could blunt arguments from developing countries that have balked at demands that they get serious about global warming. Yet it was unclear how feasible it would be for either country to meet their goals, and Obama's pledge was sure to confront

tough opposition from ascendant Republicans in Congress.

The U.S. set a new target to reduce its emissions of heat-trapping gases by 26 percent to 28 percent by 2025, compared with 2005 levels. That's a sharp increase from earlier in Obama's presidency, when he pledged to cut emissions by 17 percent by 2020.

China, whose emissions are still growing as it builds new

coal plants, didn't commit to cut emissions by a specific amount. Rather, Xi set a target for China's emission to peak by 2030, or earlier if possible. He also pledged to increase the share of energy that China will derive from sources other than fossil fuels.

“This is, in my view, the most important bilateral climate announcement ever,” said David Sandalow, formerly a top environmental official at the White House and the Energy Department. “It sends the signal the two largest emitters in the world are working together to address this problem.”

Obama's target, expected to serve as the U.S. contribution to a worldwide treaty to be finalized next year in Paris, came months before it had been expected. The U.S. has sought to show aggressive action on climate change in order to spur other nations to offer ambitious contributions, too.

For China, the commitment to cap emissions marked a turning point in China's evolution on global warming and its responsibility to deal with the problem. China accounts for around 30 percent of global emissions, but has only gotten serious in recent years as the large-scale impact on health and quality of life in China has come into focus, ex-

acerbated by smothering smog in Beijing's skies.

Environmental advocates in the U.S. heralded the joint announcements as a game-changer that would undermine opposition. If China can get serious about emissions, they said, surely others can, too.

Al Gore, former vice president and a leading advocate for limiting climate change, called the announcement “a major step forward in the global effort to solve the climate crisis.” He said more will be required—including a global agreement from all nations—but these actions demonstrate a serious commitment by the top two global polluters.”

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who chairs the Senate's environmental panel, said: “Now there is no longer an excuse for Congress to block action.”

But Republicans signaled that they would seek to thwart Obama's efforts once the GOP controls the Senate next year, pointing out that Obama was saddling future presidents with a tough-to-meet goal.

“This unrealistic plan, that the president would dump on his successor, would ensure higher utility rates and far fewer jobs,” said incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

## Putin's gallantry upstages Chinese host at APEC



**AP**  
In this Nov. 10, 2014 file photo, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, right, puts a shawl on Peng Liyuan, left, wife of Chinese President Xi Jinping as they arrive to watch a fireworks show after a welcome banquet for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Beijing.

of Xi shielding his wife from rain on a state visit, picking flowers for her, or simply holding her hand have circulated widely on China's social media, prompting much oohing and aahing.

“When the president personally held up the umbrella for the madam, it complies with the international norm of respecting women,” blogger Luo Qingxue wrote on the news site for the party-run newspaper People's Daily last year after Xi was seen holding an umbrella over himself and Peng on a state visit to Trinidad and Tobago.

But Putin messed up the script Monday night while Xi chatted with the American president.

In the video, Peng stood up, politely accepted the gray shawl or blanket offered by Putin, and thanked him with a slight bow. But she soon slipped it off and put on a black coat offered by her own attendant.

It spawned a flurry of commentary on China's social media before censors began removing any mention of the incident.

**BEIJING (AP)**—It was a warm gesture on a chilly night when Vladimir Putin wrapped a shawl around the wife of Xi Jinping while the Chinese president chatted with Barack Obama. The only problem: Putin came off looking gallant, the Chinese summit host gauche and inattentive.

Worse still were off-color jokes that began to circulate about the real intentions of the divorced Russian president—a heartthrob among many Chinese women for his macho, man-of-action image.

That was too much for the Chinese authorities.

The incident at a performance linked to this week's Asia-Pacific summit originally was broadcast on state broadcaster CCTV and spread online as a forwarded video. But it was soon scrubbed clean from the Chinese Internet, reflecting the intense control authorities exert over any material about top leaders while also pointing to cultural differences over what's considered acceptable behavior in public.

“China is traditionally conservative on public interaction between unrelated men and women, and the public show of consideration by Putin may

provide fodder for jokes, which the big boss probably does not like,” said Beijing-based historian and independent commentator Zhang Lifan.

Xi's wife, Peng Liyuan, was once a popular folk singer more famous than her husband, and in contrast to her predecessors she has taken on a much more public role, prominently joining her husband on trips abroad as part of China's soft power push to seek global status commensurate with its economic might.

Propaganda officials have built the image of Xi and his wife as a loving couple. Photos

## Grief, rage at 36-year sentence for ferry captain

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—Enraged parents wept and screamed as a judge sentenced a South Korean ferry captain to 36 years in prison Tuesday for negligence and abandoning passengers when his ship sank earlier this year, killing more than 300 people, mostly high school students.

The highly anticipated verdict came on the same day officials called off searches for the final nine victims and reflects the continuing grief and finger-pointing over one of the worst disasters in South Korean history. Victims' relatives immediately criticized the sentences for Capt. Lee Joon-seok and 14 other crew members as too lenient. Lee was

acquitted of a homicide charge, which could have carried a death sentence, because the court said there wasn't proof that he knew his actions would cause such a massive loss of life.

“Do you know how many children are dead?” one relative shouted out during the sentencing, according to Kook Joung-don, a lawyer for the relatives. “This isn't right,” another screamed.

The intense anger points to the lack of closure many here feel over the sinking. The tragedy shocked a country that had grown used to thinking of itself as an ultra-modern economic, diplomatic and cultural pow-

erhouse—a country that had left behind a string of deadly, high-profile accidents blamed on failures of infrastructure and regulation as it rose from poverty, war and dictatorship.

More than half-a-year after the ferry sank, the country still grapples with recriminations over claims that authorities' incompetence during rescue efforts, along with the greed, corruption and lack of interest in safety of government regulators and the ship's owners and operators, doomed the victims.

Most of the ferry passengers were teenagers taking a school trip to a southern island, and many student survivors have

said they were repeatedly ordered over a loudspeaker to stay on the sinking ship and that they didn't remember any evacuation order being given before they helped each other flee the vessel.

Lee has said he issued an evacuation order. But he told reporters days after his arrest that he withheld the evacuation order because rescuers had yet to arrive and he feared for the passengers' safety in the cold, swift waters.

The Gwangju District Court in southern South Korea concluded in its verdict that Lee had issued an evacuation order and that he left the ship after rescue boats arrived on the scene.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### At least 11 women die after sterilization in India

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—At least 11 Indian women are dead and 20 others seriously ill Wednesday after undergoing free sterilization operations, highlighting the risks women face in reproductive health in a country struggling with high population growth and widespread poverty. A total of 83 women, all villagers under the age of 32, had the operations Saturday as part of the free sterilization campaign and were sent home that evening. But dozens later became ill and were rushed in ambulances to private hospitals in Bilaspur, a city in central Chhattisgarh state. By Wednesday morning, at least 11 women had died, District Magistrate Siddharth Komal Pardeshi told Press Trust of India. The apparent cause of death was either blood poisoning or hemorrhagic shock, which occurs when a person has lost too much blood.

#### US drone in northwest Pakistan kills 6 militants

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—A suspected U.S. drone strike on a sprawling Taliban hideout in

a northwestern tribal region bordering Afghanistan killed six militants on Tuesday, two intelligence officials said. The officials said some suspects were also wounded when four missiles struck the compound in the town of Datta Khel in the North Waziristan tribal region. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to the media. The officials provided no further details and only said some foreigners were included among the dead.

#### Senior officials of collapsed Afghan bank jailed

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Two senior officials of an Afghan bank that collapsed beneath almost \$1 billion in debt were sentenced in a Kabul court on Tuesday to 15 years prison each for embezzlement and fraud. The scandal in 2010 shook confidence in Afghanistan's tiny banking sector, and the loss accounted for around 5 percent of the country's economy, making it the biggest banking collapse in history. The government bailed out the bank and brought in receivers who, officials say, have traced most of the missing funds.



## World

## Europe ready to land first probe on streaking comet

**BERLIN (AP)**—How do you land a spacecraft on a comet that is streaking by at 41,000 mph (66,000 kph)?

That's a problem scientists have been grappling with for more than a decade as they prepare for one of the most audacious space adventures ever—the European Space Agency's attempt to land a scientific probe on the giant ball of ice and dust known as 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

They'll find out Wednesday whether their plan will work when the agency's mission control center in Darmstadt, Germany, gives its unmanned Rosetta space probe the final go-ahead to drop a lander on the comet.

The event marks the climax of Rosetta's decade-long journey to study the icy celestial bodies that have long fascinated humanity. Scientists hope that the data collected by Rosetta and its sidekick lander, Philae, will provide insights into the origins of comets and other objects in the universe.

On Tuesday, the agency announced that systems aboard the Philae lander had failed to switch on properly at first. Fearing a cosmic calamity, scientists tried a reboot.

"The lander successfully powered up, and preparations are now continuing as planned,"

the agency said on its website.

The hitch demonstrates how much can still go wrong with the 1.3 billion euro (\$1.62 billion) mission first conceived more than two decades ago.

Launched in 2004 after a year's delay, the Rosetta spacecraft had to swing around Earth three times—and once around Mars—to gain enough speed to chase down the comet. After traveling 6.4 billion kilometers (4 billion miles), it pulled up alongside 67P in August.

Now Rosetta and the comet are flying in tandem at 41,000 mph between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, 500 million kilometers (311 million miles) from Earth. The vast distance means the European Space Agency has to rely on NASA's

Deep Space Network of giant radio antennas to communicate with Rosetta.

Early Wednesday, Rosetta will execute a series of complicated maneuvers to reach the optimum drop-off point. About 0835 GMT (3:35 a.m. EST), the lander will separate from the mother ship.

If anything goes wrong then, scientists will be powerless to do anything but watch. Since it takes more than 28 minutes for a command to reach Rosetta, the lander

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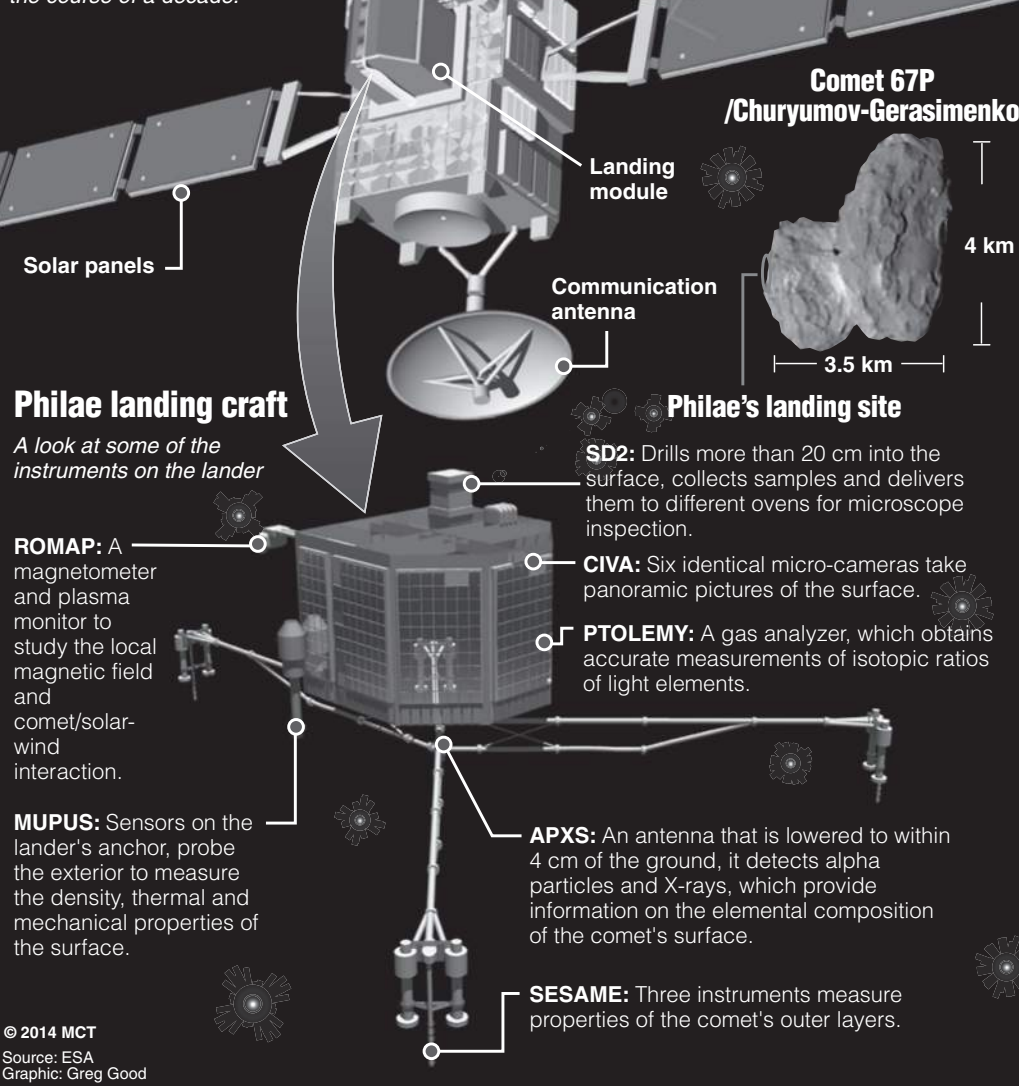
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■ Webcast of comet landing: <http://new.livestream.com/ESA/cometlanding>

## Probe to land on Wednesday

The European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft will attempt a first-ever soft landing of a robotic probe on a comet. The Philae lander is scheduled to touch down on Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on Nov. 12, at 10:35 a.m. EST. The Rosetta probe swung alongside the comet on Aug. 6, after a 6.4 billion-kilometer journey through outer space over the course of a decade.



has been programmed to perform the touchdown autonomously.

The landing site—dubbed Agilkia after an island on the

river Nile—was chosen because it is fairly free of boulders. But even the smallest error could put Philae hundreds of meters

(yards) off course during its seven-hour descent to the comet.

Once the 100-kilogram (220-pound) lander touches

## Palestinian leader accuses Israel of religious war

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)**—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused Israel on Tuesday of leading the region toward a "religious war," saying frequent visits by Jewish worshippers to a site sacred to both Islam and Judaism are fueling clashes that have raised fears of a widespread outbreak of fighting.

The accusation drew a sharp response from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said Abbas was making matters worse.

"Instead of calming tempers, he is inflaming them. Instead of educating his people for peace, Abu Mazen is educating them for terror attacks," Netanyahu said in a nationally televised address, referring to Abbas.

After meeting his Security Cabinet for several hours, Netanyahu also said security forces had been bolstered, and that he would begin imposing tough measures against violent demonstrators.

Much of the recent unrest has stemmed from tensions surrounding the holy site in Jerusalem's Old City known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

Visits by Jewish worshippers have raised concerns among Muslims that Israel is secretly trying to take over the site, fanning strife in a region already on edge following the collapse of U.S.-led peace talks, Israel's bloody war last summer in the Gaza Strip, and new Israeli settlement construction plans in east Jerusalem.

The tensions at the shrines have frequently boiled over into violent demonstrations and have provided the backdrop to a series of bloody attacks on Israelis by Palestinians.

In a fiery speech to thousands of supporters at his West Bank headquarters, Abbas said Israel was trying to divide the Jerusalem site, which includes the Al-Aqsa Mosque, much as it split a

shared holy site in the West Bank city of Hebron after a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Muslim worshippers 29 years ago.

"Leaders of Israel are mistaken if they think they can divide the Al-Aqsa Mosque as they have done in Ibrahimi Mosque, and they will retreat from this one, too," Abbas said.

"By dividing the mosques, they are leading us to a religious war, and no one—Muslim or Christian—will accept that Jerusalem be theirs," Abbas said, urging Palestinians to defend the site. "Jerusalem is our capital, and there will be no concessions."

Abbas' speech marked the 10th anniversary of the death of Yasser Arafat, the longtime Palestinian leader and founder of the dominant Fatah faction.

He also used the occasion to attack the rival Hamas movement, accusing the Islamic militant group of undermining reconciliation efforts after a seven-year rift. The rivals agreed in

down, it will fire two harpoons into the 4-kilometer (2.5-mile) wide comet's icy surface to avoid bouncing off due to the low gravity.

Experts have likened the process to flying over a city and trying to hit a specific spot with a balloon.

Confirmation of the landing is expected to reach Earth at about 1603 GMT (11:03 a.m. EST).

Even if the landing fails, mission manager Fred Jansen said Rosetta alone will be able to gather much of the data that scientists hope will help them learn more about the origins of comets, stars, planets and even life on Earth.

Already scientists have made a number of exciting discoveries about the comet. Close-up pictures sent back to Earth in July show it's shaped a bit like a giant duck, suggesting that it may be the result of two comets that collided.

Last month, one of Rosetta's 11 on-board instruments found that the comet's coma, the fuzzy head surrounding the nucleus, is made up of chemicals that on Earth would smell like rotten eggs and vinegar, among other things.

And on Tuesday the European Space Agency said it had determined the "sound" of the comet, likely caused by the release of particles into space becoming electrically charged. As the comet makes its closest approach to the sun—the point called perihelion—the amount of matter it releases will greatly increase.

"We'll watch this comet evolve," said project scientist Matt Taylor. "It's never been done before."

June on the formation of a unity government, but Hamas, which overran Gaza in 2007, continues to control the territory.

Abbas accused Hamas of carrying out a series of bombings on the homes of Fatah leaders last week that led to the cancellation of what would have been the first Arafat memorial in Gaza since 2007. He also said the group was blocking postwar reconstruction efforts, leaving an estimated 100,000 people homeless.

"For whose interest are they blocking the reconstruction?" Abbas said. "The only losers are our people while you sit in your houses and hide out."

For Jews, the Temple Mount is revered as the site of the ancient Hebrew Temples and is the most sacred place in Judaism. The Noble Sanctuary, home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the gold-topped Dome of the Rock, is the third-holiest site in Islam after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

## Russia to build more nuclear reactors in Iran

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Russia signed a contract Tuesday to build two more nuclear reactors in Iran to be possibly followed by another six, a move intended to cement closer ties between the two nations.

The deal comes less than two weeks ahead of the Nov. 24 deadline for Tehran to sign an agreement on its nuclear program with six world powers. Tuesday's contract has no immediate relation to the talks that involve Russia and the United States, but it reflects Moscow's intention to deepen its cooperation with Tehran ahead of possible softening of Western sanctions against Iran.

Nuclear officials from the two countries signed a contract Tuesday for building two reactors at Iran's first Russia-built nuclear plant in Bushehr.

Sergei Kiriyenko, the head of Russia's Rosatom state corporation, and Iran's nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi also signed a protocol envisaging possible construction of two more reactors in Bushehr and another four in an undeter-

mined location.

"It's a turning point in the development of relations between our countries," Salehi said after the signing, according to Russian news reports.

Rosatom said in a statement that the construction of the new reactors will be monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency. As in the case of Bushehr's first reactor that became operational in 2013, Russia will supply uranium fuel and then take it back for reprocessing—a provision intended to prevent a possibility of Iran using the spent fuel to build atomic weapons.

A potential agreement between Iran and the six powers would ease Western sanctions against Iran's economy if Tehran agrees to limit its uranium enrichment to a level that would make it unable to build nuclear weapons. Iran has dismissed Western suspicions that it was working covertly to develop nuclear weapons, insisted that its nuclear activities are aimed at peaceful energy demands and medical needs.



# Environment

## Dutch to test solar panels on bicycle path

**KROMMENIE, Netherlands** (AP)—A project dubbed “SolaRoad” gets underway in the Netherlands this week, testing roadways as a potential canvas to collect solar energy. Fittingly for the cycle-crazy Dutch, the first SolaRoad is a bike path not far from Amsterdam.

The path is built of massive, Lego-like modules of solar panels embedded in concrete, each with heavy-duty glass on top protecting them from wear. An additional rough translucent plastic coating ensures bikers don’t slip.

Sten de Wit of engineering firm TNO said Tuesday each square meter (yard) of road generates 50-70 kilowatt hours of energy per year. That’s about enough for the initial strip of 70 yards to supply power to one or two Dutch households.

The test in the town of Krommenie is slated to run three years and will cost 3 million euros (\$3.7 million), funded equally by the province of North Holland and a consortium of Dutch companies eager to commercialize solar roads.

Although using roads for so-



lar power may seem inconvenient and costly, De Wit says it enjoys significant advantages. Most obviously, the potential generating area is all but unlimited: in the Netherlands there are 35,000 kilometers

(22,000 miles) of designated bike path alone.

Unlike power plants, solar roads can be located near where people live, and they still wouldn’t take up land needed for other purposes.

That’s crucial in the Netherlands, which is both one of the

world’s most densely populated countries, and one of its

**AP**  
Bicyclists are forced to use the sidewalk as they pass a stretch of bicycle path where a solar panel roadway is being constructed in Krommenie, north of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

most intensely farmed.

De Wit says despite the high costs of designing, building, installing and measuring performance of the first SolaRoad, successor projects may be profitable within a decade. As solar cells get ever-cheaper and more efficient, installation and maintenance are quickly becoming the most expensive part of solar power.

“Rooftop arrays have only a small surface area and each has to be connected to the (electric) grid individually,” he said. But “road is laid down by the kilometer” and each segment can be easily chained together and connected to the grid at strategic locations.

## Study: Global warming worsening watery dead zones

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Global warming is likely playing a bigger role than previously thought in dead zones in oceans, lakes and rivers around the world and it’s only going to get worse, according to a new study.

Dead zones occur when fertilizer runoff clogs waterways with nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorous. That leads to an explosion of microbes that consumes oxygen and leaves the water depleted of oxygen, harming marine life.

Scientists have long known that warmer water increases

Monday in the journal *Global Change Biology* by Smithsonian Institution researchers found about two dozen different ways—biologically, chemically and physically—that climate change worsens the oxygen depletion.

“We’ve underestimated the effect of climate change on dead zones,” said study lead author Andrew Altieri, a researcher at the Smithsonian’s tropical center in Panama.

The researchers looked at 476 dead zones worldwide—264 in the United States. They found that standard computer climate

the surface temperature around those dead zones will increase by about 4 degrees Fahrenheit (slightly more than 2 degrees Celsius) from the 1980s and 1990s to the end of this century.

The largest predicted warming is nearly 7 degrees (almost 4 degrees Celsius) where the St. Lawrence River dumps into the ocean in Canada. The most prominent U.S. dead zones, the Gulf of Mexico and the Chesapeake Bay, are projected to warm 4 degrees (2.3 degrees Celsius) and nearly 5 degrees (2.7 degrees Celsius) respectively.

Americans recently passed a milestone when federal officials reported that water use across the nation had reached its lowest level in more than 45 years: good news for the environment, great news in times of drought and a major victory for conservation.

What was surprising in the U.S. Geological Survey report released last week was how little of the 13 percent decline in national water usage was due to the public cutting back.

In drought-stricken areas, such as California and other states across the West, consumers are used to frequent warnings about the need to save water. Dry public fountains, limits on lawn watering and official requests for shorter showers have all been aimed at reducing water use at a time when reservoirs are shrinking and streams are running dry.

But it turns out that the public reduced water use by only about 5 percent from 2005 to 2010, the most recent period measured by the USGS.

The overwhelming savings came from big-scale industrial uses, government investigators found.

Molly Maupin, USGS hydrologist and lead author of the latest water survey, said about 75 percent of the decline in overall water usage is attributable to changes in electricity generation, and an additional 20 percent is due to new efficiencies in irrigation.

“Irrigation withdrawals in the United States continued to

decline since 2005, and more croplands were reported as using higher-efficiency irrigation systems in 2010,” Maupin said. “Shifts toward more sprinkler and micro-irrigation systems nationally and declining withdrawals in the West have contributed to a drop in the national average.”

Still, the 5 percent reduction in public water use is important because it happened even as the population increased by about 4 percent and the number of people who had access to public water grew.

Per capita use declined to 89 gallons per day in 2010 from 100 gallons in 2005.

“Public supply’s decline was significant because it was the first time we have seen that,” said Maupin, who cautioned that it is difficult to pinpoint the exact reasons for the decrease. “We are reluctant to say cause and effect because there are so many variables. Surely there is some level of conservation,” she said of efforts to curb personal use. “We don’t know how much.”

In any case, industrial water use is key to understanding the overall decline.

In some cases, manufacturers have adopted techniques such as recycling of water to help lower costs. The 2007-09 recession brought downturns in production, and subsequent reductions in the amount of water needed to cool machines.

A crucial factor, the USGS found, was an increase in the number of power plants built or converted since the 1970s that use more efficient cooling-system technologies. Surveyors based their consumption estimates on flows in and out of 1,290 power plants.

Overall in the U.S., about 355 billion gallons of groundwater and surface water were used per day in 2010, compared with 410 billion a day in 2005.

Twelve states accounted for more than 50 percent of total water withdrawals. The largest was California, followed by Texas, Idaho, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, Arkansas, Colorado, Michigan, New York, Alabama and Ohio.

California accounted for 11 percent of the total withdrawals. Still, the state, the nation’s top agricultural producer in terms of cash receipts, was able to sharply cut water use.

Californians in 2010 used an estimated 38 billion gallons of water a day, compared with 46 billion a day in 2005. The reduced use of surface water accounted for the savings; groundwater withdrawals were actually up because of the drought, which forced farmers to increase their reliance on irrigation.

Still, the overall savings was enough to give a big bump to the nation’s conservation picture.

“What happens in California has an impact on the national trends,” Maupin said. (*Los Angeles Times*)



This handout photo provided by the Smithsonian shows dead juvenile menhaden fish floating to the surface during a dead zone event in Narragansett Bay, R.I.



## Life & Style

# Businesses cash in as women chase bigger butts

By JOSEPH PISANI  
AP BUSINESS NEWS

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Gym classes that promise a plump posterior are in high demand. A surgery that pumps fat into the buttocks is gaining popularity. And padded panties that give the appearance of a rounder rump are selling out.

The U.S. booty business is getting a big bump. Companies are cashing in on growing demand from women seeking the more curvaceous figures of their favorite stars, who flaunt their fuller rear ends.

Nicki Minaj raps about her “big fat” butt in “Anaconda.” Reality-star Kim Kardashian posts photos of hers on Instagram. And in the music video for “Booty,” Jennifer Lopez and Iggy Azalea spend four minutes rubbing their curvy bottoms together. At one point, they slap each other on the booty.

As a result of the pop culture moment the butt is having, sales for Booty Pop, which hawks \$22 foam padded panties on its website, are up 47 percent in the last six months from the same period last year.

Susan Bloomstone, Booty Pop’s co-founder, says customers have asked for larger sizes. So, the Boston-based company will begin selling pads that are 25 percent larger. “People just want more booty,” she says.

Feel Foxy, another maker of



In this Oct. 30, 2014 photo, Kelly Brabants, foreground, leads her “Booty by Brabants” class at The Club by George Foreman III gym in Boston. AP

padded panties, says 2014 has been its best year since launching nearly a decade ago. Sales are up 40 percent from a year ago, but the company declined

to give sales figures.

Deborah Santiago squeezed into a \$40 Feel Foxy one-piece for her 30th birthday. The shape-wear flattened Santiago’s waist

and boosted her back side. A flat butt can ruin an outfit, says the New York stay-at-home mother of two. Lopez is her butt idol.

“I always wanted a big butt,” Santiago says.

To be sure, the desire for big butts isn’t new. Large booties long have been preferable in Latino and black communities, says Dr. Dionne Stephens,

an associate psychology professor at Florida International University.

But recently, the desire for a bigger bottom became more mainstream, in large part due to pop culture influences. “When people see things repeated on TV more and more, it becomes normalized,” Stephens says.

The interest in larger hind

parts seems to have started when Kardashian began appearing in a reality TV show “Keeping up with the Kardashians” seven years ago.

In a 2011 episode, she had an X-ray to prove she didn’t have butt implants. Kardashian still frequently posts shots of her backside to her 21 million Instagram followers.

But the desire for big buns has intensified. This summer, the music video for “Anaconda” that showed Minaj in a pink thong was viewed 19.6 million times within 24 hours of its release—a record for music video site Vevo. It has racked up nearly 300 million views.

Some businesses that specialize in butts say pop culture has had a direct impact on their bottom line.

A Brazilian butt lift, in which fat is sucked from a patient’s stomach, love handles or back and put into their buttocks and hips, is increasingly popular in the U.S. This type of surgery, along with buttock implants, was the fastest-growing plastic surgery last year, with more than 11,000 procedures, up 58 percent from 2012, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Matthew Schulman, who performs the procedure in New York, says this year has been busier than last. Schulman, who charges \$10,000 to \$13,000 for the three-hour surgery, does six to eight Brazilian butt lifts weekly, up about 25 percent from a year ago. He says when he asks patients which celebrity butt they want, the top names are Kardashian, Minaj and Lopez.

## Brunei queen’s jewelry tops Obama diplomatic gifts

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Members of the Obama administration received thousands of dollars in gifts from foreign leaders, but first lady Michelle Obama appears to have received the most expensive gift last year—jewelry worth \$71,468 from the queen of Brunei.

The flower-shaped white gold earrings, ring and necklace, which Mrs. Obama received in 2013, were studded with yellow sapphires and diamonds, according to the State Department’s annual accounting of gifts published in the Federal Register. That’s almost seven times more valuable than the most expensive gift received by President Barack Obama, a glass amber-colored sculpture of a falcon on a branch worth \$10,400 from Qatar’s ambassador to the U.S.

Not that the president fared poorly. He also received a large Azerbaijani rug with red, white and blue geometric designs worth \$6,560 from the ambassador of Azerbaijan; a silver platter engraved with major world cities, their global positioning coordinates and

distance from Qatar from that country’s emir, valued at \$6,500; a full felt-mounted zebra skin, a painting and sculpture worth \$4,000 from the president of Tanzania; and a \$4,000 brown upholstered chair from the prime minister of Singapore, according to the records.

Under federal ethics rules, the presents must be turned over to the government for storage or official use unless the recipient chooses to purchase the items from the General Services Administration. Few choose to do so.

Two who kept gifts were former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of current Secretary of State John Kerry, according to the list.

Clinton was so taken with a black two-strand pearl necklace with gemstones given to her by Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi that she bought it for \$970. That necklace was presented to her in 2012 while Clinton was still in government, but was recorded in the accounting of 2013 gifts because the State Department’s Office of Protocol,

which compiles the list, did not have the information in time to include it in the earlier report.

Heinz Kerry similarly purchased a silver and coral jewelry set presented to her by the president of Yemen for \$425, according to the list.

Diplomatic gifts are often chosen for their symbolism and rarely for their monetary value, something evident from the 2013 report.

Amid tensions with Israel even as Obama visited the country in 2013, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presented Obama with a display case containing a tiny engraved chip with side-by-side texts of the U.S. and Israeli declarations of independence affixed to a Jerusalem stone. The gift, which included a magnifying viewpiece, was valued at \$2,700. On the same trip, Israeli President Shimon Peres gave Obama a clock depicting U.S. and Israel time and temperatures worth \$835, along with several books, including a leather-bound Hebrew translation of Obama’s “Dreams from My Father” memoir, valued at \$1,045.

## Bush father, son want Jeb Bush run for White House

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)**—Former President George W. Bush said Tuesday that he and his father believe Jeb Bush should run for president but ultimately the former Florida governor must make a decision regardless of any pressure from the family.

“I can tell you I can speak for 41,” Bush said, referring to the 41st president, George H.W. Bush, during the official launch of the 43rd president’s book at his dad’s presidential library center at Texas A&M University. “He ought to run for president. He would make a great president.”

“We can pressure him all we want, but it’s not going to matter. ... You can’t pressure somebody on such an important decision. It’s not going to cause him to think positively or negatively if we all continue to harass him. Only he can decide.”

With his father and mother a few feet from him in the front row of an auditorium filled with

a friendly audience of several hundred people, Bush was responding to questions from Andrew Card, his father’s transportation secretary and his own White House chief of staff, primarily about his personal book “41: A Portrait of My Father.” The older Bush, seated in a wheelchair, smiled and waved but did not speak at the event.

George W. Bush said he didn’t know of any timetable for a decision but said from speaking with his brother he knows Jeb Bush “doesn’t like the idea of a political class.”

“The idea of ‘Bush, Clinton, Bush, Obama, Bush’ troubles him, which speaks to his great integrity,” George W. Bush said of the succession of recent presidents. “So I said: ‘How does this sound?’ Bush, Clinton, Bush, Obama, Clinton,” George W. Bush added, referring to the potential presidential run of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

“The point is you don’t get

to pick the environment in which you run.”

The comments were his most detailed to date about the possibility of continuing the Bush political dynasty. George W. Bush said Sunday on CBS that there was a 50-50 chance Jeb would run. Jeb Bush was not in attendance at the book event Tuesday.

George W. Bush, 68, said he wrote the book now while his father, 90 and in fragile health, was still alive and able to “see how much I care for him” and how much other people care for him. He also said a favorable reassessment of George H.W. Bush’s presidency is emerging, despite it being a single term and being “overshadowed” by the two terms of predecessor Ronald Reagan.

“This is a love story. It’s not an objective analysis,” he said of the book. “It’s a story of an extraordinary man, in my judgment, the finest one-term president our country has ever had.”



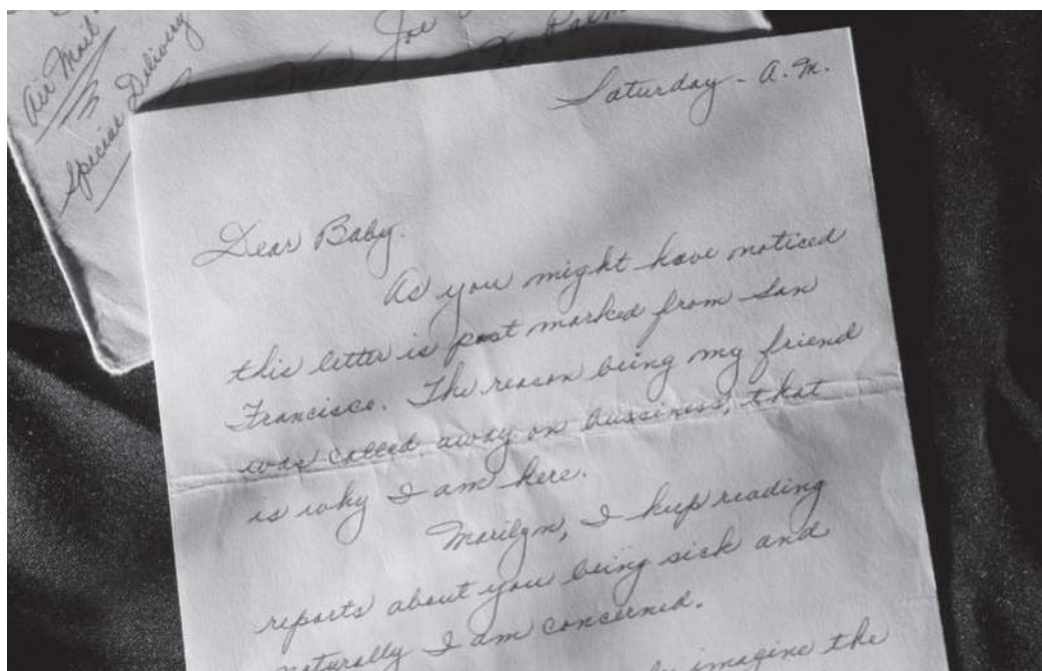
# Marilyn Monroe's lost love letters to be auctioned

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—It's no secret Joe DiMaggio loved Marilyn Monroe. The baseball great cried at her funeral and for 20 years had flowers placed at her crypt several times a week.

The public displays were unusual for the famously stoic and private DiMaggio. Now, his heartbreak over the breakup of their marriage will get a rare public airing when "Marilyn Monroe's Lost Archives" goes up for bid at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills next month.

"I love you and want to be with you," DiMaggio said in one pained letter to Monroe from the collection, written when she announced she was filing for divorce after a matter of months in 1954. "There is nothing I would like better than to restore your confidence in me."

The 300 items also include love letters from Monroe's third and final husband, playwright Arthur Miller. There's also a



handwritten letter from Monroe to Miller in which the woman who was arguably Hollywood's greatest sex symbol muses about her many insecurities.

DiMaggio wrote in his letter that he learned Monroe was

leaving him when he saw her make the announcement on television.

"My heart split even wider seeing you cry in front of all these people," he wrote in the letter addressed to "Mrs. Joe

DiMaggio" and mailed special delivery.

Other letters in the collection come from such friends as Clark Gable, Cary Grant and Jane Russell, the latter imploring Monroe in 10 neatly handwritten pages to give her marriage to DiMaggio another chance.

"It really gives you the chills when you read some of the stuff and see the intimacy and the personal nature of it," said auction curator Martin Nolan, who spent nine months organizing and cataloging the collection.

Auction owner Darren Julien estimates the pieces could fetch \$1 million or more, noting a watercolor Monroe painted and planned to give to

This Friday, Nov. 7, 2014 photo shows part of a three-page handwritten letter and original envelope postmarked Oct. 9, 1954 from baseball legend Joe DiMaggio to Marilyn Monroe on display at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills, Calif.

President John Kennedy went for \$80,000 at an estate auction nine years ago. Monroe's "collectability" has skyrocketed in recent years, driven in part by deep-pocketed Asian and European collectors with a fondness for American pop-culture artifacts, he said.

The fact that the centerpiece of this collection is not just celebrity tchotchkes but deeply personal artifacts is also expected to fuel interest.

"We anticipate a lot of fans will be here. They'll fly in from all over the world," said Julien, who will put the items on display to the public at his Beverly Hills gallery for four days before they go on the block Dec. 5-6.

Monroe, who died of a drug overdose at age 36 in 1962, willed "The Lost Archives" to her mentor, the legendary acting coach Lee Strasberg. He gave it to a friend he trusted would take proper care.

That friend's family, which Julien said wants to remain anonymous, obviously met Strasberg's expectations. Many of the letters look as pristine as the day their authors wrote them.

"Please, if I've ever made you cry or made you even more sadder, ever for a second, please

forgive me, my perfect girl. I love you," Miller wrote in a pencil-scribbled P.S. at the bottom of a typewritten letter.

In a reply to one of his mis-sives, Monroe takes issue with what the author of "Death of a Salesman" had called her nobility in handling a difficult childhood followed by public adulation that nearly crushed her.

"In other words, there was no choice to make, the same road was always before me," she wrote. "So for you to speak of my nobility, it really wasn't so noble."

She went on to say: "It's doubly difficult to understand that you, the most different, most beautiful human being, chose me to love."

Other items in the collection include a 19-minute reel of a movie made for Monroe after her final picture, 1961's "The Misfits," wrapped. It shows her frolicking happily at the beach with co-star Gable and others.

Notably, there's also a framed letter she kept on her coffee table from costume designer Cecil Beaton, who assured her she really was a fine actress.

"It's fantastic to see how loved she was," Nolan said. "Like you thought she was vulnerable and not loved and she craved love and she needed that reassurance. But she had it. She had it with Joe DiMaggio. She had it with Arthur Miller."

And, so it seems, she still has it with much of the rest of the world.

## Jackson exiting 'American Idol' after 13 years



In this Feb. 20, 2014 file photo, Randy Jackson attends FOX's "American Idol XIII" finalists party at Fig & Olive Melrose Place in West Hollywood, Calif.

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Fox and the producers of "American Idol" say Randy Jackson is leaving the show after 13 seasons.

In a statement Tuesday, the network and producers call Jackson a key part of the singing contest and say he'll be welcomed back as a visitor.

Phone and email requests to his publicist seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Jackson, Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul made up Idol's original judging panel. Jackson served as a judge for 12 seasons, with "dawg" becoming his trademark word while assessing contestants.

Jackson moved to the role of mentor this year. His departure leaves host Ryan Seacrest as the only original cast member.

"American Idol" is set to return in January with judges Jennifer Lopez, Harry Connick Jr. and Keith Urban.

## 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2' is acquired by Universal

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The boisterous Portokalos family is coming back to the big screen.

Universal Pictures has acquired the domestic distribution rights to "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2," a sequel to



Vardalos

the beloved independent hit, with writer and star Nia Vardalos set to return. Kirk Jones, best known for directing "Nanny McPhee," has signed on to helm the new installment with a script by Vardalos.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding" became one of the most successful independent films of all time, grossing over \$241 million domestically after its 2002 release. It even spawned a short-lived sitcom, "My Big Fat Greek Life," which aired on CBS in 2003.

The sequel promises the re-

## Man is slow to join wife and daughters after move

**DEAR ABBY:** My four girls and I recently moved from Texas to Florida to help out my in-laws. My husband, "Jeff," made a big deal about not wanting to move without a job, so he stayed behind.

Now I feel like a single parent, and even though I hide it from my daughters, I am depressed. I haven't been able to find work, and Jeff says he doesn't want to come here for several more months.

My husband and I have been together 14 years, and this is tearing me up inside. He seems to be treating this issue as a joke. I suspect he likes not having the responsibility of a wife and kids. Our youngest is 6 months old and she's growing up without her daddy! Please help me figure this out.

LONELY AND DEPRESSED

**DEAR LONELY:** How long has this been going on? Three weeks? Three months? Tell your husband that because you can no longer tolerate being separated, you are moving back to Texas. Be sure to mention that the responsibility of helping HIS parents should not be yours alone. Your concerns about your baby girl are valid. She should be bonding with both her parents right now—and the separation may make it more difficult for her.

**DEAR ABBY:** Last February we lost my 14-year-old niece to suicide. Needless to say, it has been very hard on the family,

especially her father, who is my brother. The two of them were inseparable.

Her mother has been playing the "perfect mother" card since then, even though all they did was fight. Her latest move has the entire family appalled. "Mom" is planning a birthday party for my niece, with a DJ and everything, even though she never had one for her while she was alive.

We are all worried about my brother's state of emotional well being and how he will respond once he finds out. How do I approach her with my concerns and put a stop to the party?

APPALLED AUNT IN THE EAST

**DEAR APPALLED:** You shouldn't and you can't. Have a talk with your brother about this and suggest grief counseling for himself and his wife if they haven't already had any. The poor woman may be planning to have the party out of guilt because she didn't host one while her daughter was alive, or because her relationship with the girl wasn't a good one. She may also be unable to accept that her child is gone and not thinking rationally. What a sad situation.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife cleans our hand-held vacuum in the kitchen sink. I think this particular appliance is probably the dirtiest one in the house and should be cleaned outside, not in the kitchen sink where food is prepared. She says she cleans the sink

## DEAR ABBY

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PEEVED UP NORTH

**DEAR PEEVED:** I think you're grossed out by the IDEA that your hand-held vacuum is the dirtiest appliance in the house, but please calm yourself. People wash all kinds of things in the kitchen sink — children, pet dishes, the soles of shoes. As long as your wife cleans and sanitizes the sink afterward, you should be safe.

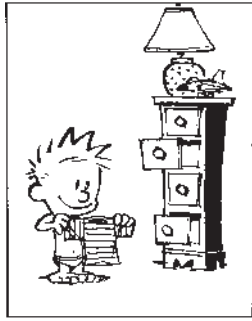
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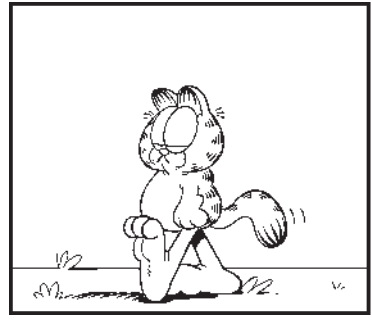
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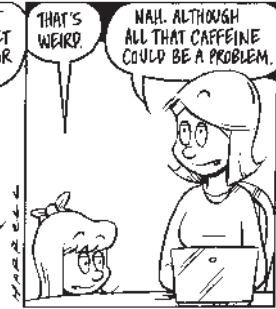
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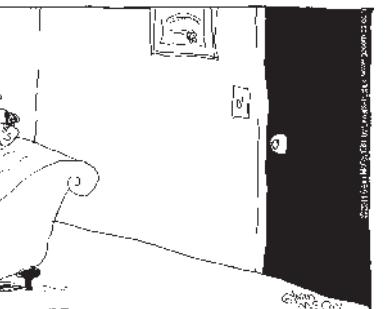
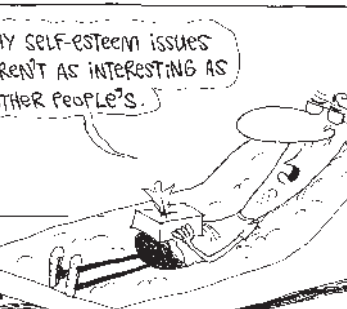
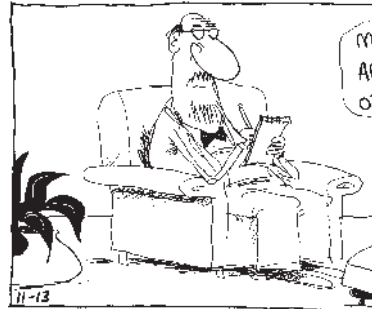
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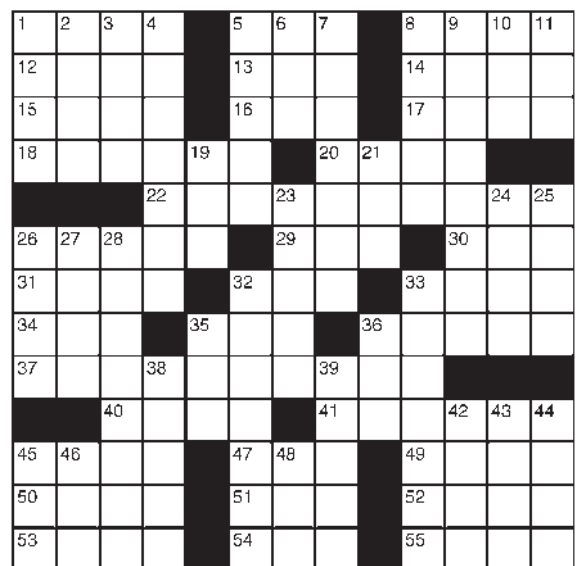
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- 5 Harry's successor
- 8 With skill
- 12 Wrinkled fruit
- 13 French refusal
- 14 Dunkable treat
- 15 Synagogue
- 16 Cover
- 17 Reddish horse
- 18 Spanish dish
- 20 Able
- 22 Round, hard candy
- 26 Edward's "Twilight" rival
- 29 Rule, for short
- 30 Deposit
- 31 Sans siblings
- 32 Spacecraft compartment
- 33 Harp ancestor
- 34 Court
- 35 Pen name?
- DOWN**
- 36 Church wedding notices
- 37 Felon
- 40 Approach
- 41 Membership proof
- 45 Skirt feature
- 47 Barracks bed
- 49 Birthright
- 50 Sunrise site
- 51 Corrode team
- 52 Baseball team
- 53 Wan
- 54 Parched
- 55 Won't shut up
- 3 Swing about
- 4 Party pooper
- 5 Post-nuptial relative
- 6 Japanese pond carp
- 7 Lasted
- 8 Heart line?
- 9 Dodgers' old home
- 10 Meadow
- 11 Thither
- 19 Retriever type, for short
- 21 Cribbage scorer
- 23 Frontal-lobe eponym
- 24 Deserve
- 25 Deli loaves
- 26 Bloodhound feature
- 27 Ox long popular in cross-words
- 28 Like a buffoon
- 32 Stabbed
- 33 Theft
- 35 Underwear with underwire
- 36 Where the bears found Goldilocks
- 38 White or Grable
- 39 Pot
- 42 Europe's neighbor
- 43 File crosser
- 44 Membership fee
- 45 Vast expanse
- 46 Part of UNLV
- 48 Rowing need

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will attract romance with your charismatic personality and your energetic approach to life. Don't be too quick to jump into a relationship or make a big decision. Don't take love for granted. ★★★★★

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get a concern out in the open. Allowing a situation to fester will make matters worse. Focus on positive changes you can make to help improve your personal life. A negative influence is best kept at arm's length. ★★



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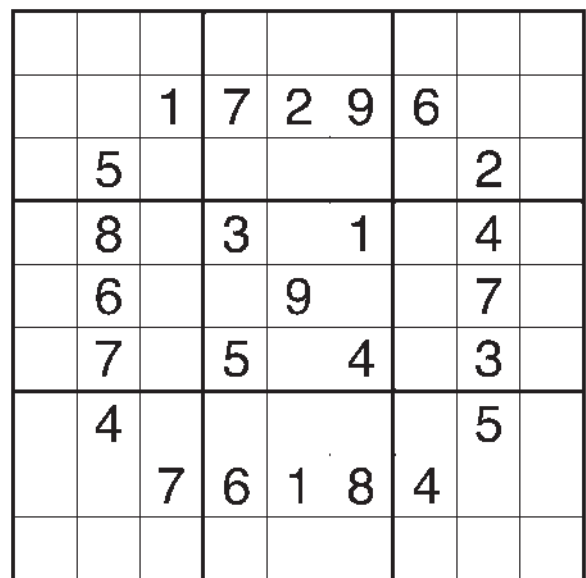
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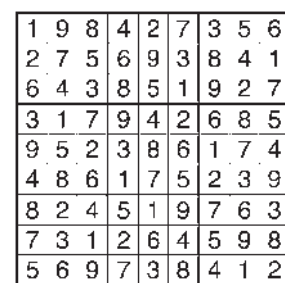


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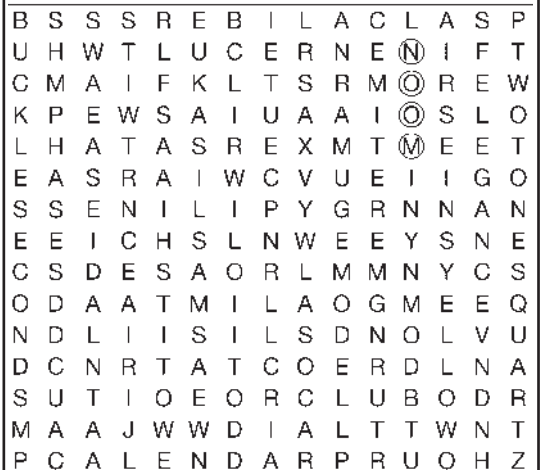
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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Girardi not sure what to expect of A-Rod in 2015



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—When the New York Yankees take the

field against Toronto for their opener on April 6, it will be 556 days since Alex Rodriguez last played in a major league game.

Will he resemble the star who won three MVP awards?

Or will he look more like the broken-down third baseman who hasn't played a full season since 2007 due to leg injuries, operations on both hips and a season-long suspension this year for violating baseball's drug agreement and labor contract?

"Really, until he gets out there and starts playing, you're not going to know," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Tuesday.

Spring training is more than three months from now, and already the spotlight is on A-Rod.

Third base? First base? Designated hitter? The bench, if a suitable replacement is found?

Addition or distraction?

"You have the whole spectrum from minimal contributions to significant contributions," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said at the GM meetings in Phoenix. "We are certainly hoping for significant contributions. But I think as you went through the process from a general manager's standpoint, you enter that process with the expectations low and hoping for the best. But I don't think I can bank for our fan base on significant contributions and count on it and be surprised if it's not there."

The only certainty is Rodriguez becoming the focal point wherever he goes.

"When Alex has walked into spring training, when hasn't there been a lot of attention on him over the last five years?" Girardi said. "So, yeah, there's going to be attention. Some of it is going to be negative. Some of it is going to be



In this Sept. 11, 2013, file photo, New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez wipes sweat from his brow as he sits in the dugout before a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Baltimore.

positive. We'll deal with it."

Rodriguez was limited to 44 games in 2013 following his second hip surgery. He turns 40 next July but wants to come back to earn the \$61 million he is owed in salary in the final three years of his contract.

Girardi spoke to A-Rod about potentially playing some first base on days Mark Teixeira is given off.

"I just wanted to put the thought in his mind," Girardi said. "He said let's talk about it. So, we'll sit down and talk about it."

But first is likely to be only a part-time destination.

"He may be the everyday third baseman. He may be the everyday DH," Cashman said. "I don't know."

Chase Headley, obtained from San Diego in July, could be an option to take over from Rodriguez as the pri-

mary third baseman.

"If I signed or traded for a third baseman, that would be my third baseman," Cashman said.

Headley is a free agent, and the Yankees have interest in re-signing him.

"He really shored up our defense on that side, played a great third base," Girardi said. "Grinded out at-bats, had some big hits for us and showed an extreme amount of toughness and was great in the clubhouse."

Girardi was at Yankee Stadium for the team's United Service Organizations event to pack goods for American servicemen and service-women. While most of the questions were about Rodriguez, he also addressed New York's offseason moves in the post-Derek Jeter era, of the need to "right the ship." The Yankees hope to rebound from an

84-78 record, their poorest winning percentage since 1992.

"I think there's some question marks in our starting rotation, number one. There's going to be some questions marks in our bullpen, and there's some question marks on what our infield is going to be," he said.

Masahiro Tanaka, CC Sabathia, Ivan Nova, Carlos Beltran, Brett Gardner and Martin Prado are coming back from injuries.

New York also has some interest in re-signing Brandon McCarthy, acquired from Arizona last summer and also a free agent.

"He struggled in Arizona for whatever reasons, but he pitched really well for us," Girardi said. "He showed that he had the ability to pitch in New York, and I think that's always important."

## SIDEBAR

### Showalter, Williams voted major league Managers of the Year

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Buck Showalter and Matt Williams won the Manager of the Year awards Tuesday, turning a Beltway double play.

Showalter took the American League prize for the third time after guiding Baltimore to its first division title in 17 years, and Williams snagged the NL honor following his first season as a big league skipper with Washington.

Showalter received 25 of 30 first-place votes and 132 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He's established a unique pattern of winning once a decade following victories with the New York Yankees in 1994 and Texas in 2004.

"I won't be doing it 10 years from now," Showalter said on the MLB Network telecast.

Williams, who played under Showalter in Arizona from 1998-00, led the Nationals to an NL-best 96 wins. He got 18 first-place votes and 109 points, joining Houston's Hal Lanier (1986), San Francisco's Dusty Baker (1993) and Florida's Joe Girardi (2006) as the only men to win in their first seasons as a major league manager.

"This is an organizational award as far as I'm concerned," Williams said on a conference call. "It's a testament to how the organization has built itself."

Mike Scioscia of the Los Angeles Angels was second in the AL with four firsts and 61 points, and Kansas City's Ned Yost finished third with 41 points. Seattle's Lloyd McClendon followed with 29 points.

The 58-year-old Showalter piloted the Orioles to a 96-66 record and their first AL East crown since 1997 despite playing large chunks of the season without All-Stars Chris Davis, Manny Machado and Matt Wieters.

Voting took place before the playoffs, when Baltimore swept Detroit in the Division Series and then was swept by Kansas City in the AL Championship Series.

Until the ALCS, the Orioles had not lost four in a row since May and had not dropped consecutive home games since June 28-29.

Showalter became the first manager to win with three teams in one league. He is the third Orioles winner, following Frank Robinson in 1989 and Davey Johnson in 1997.

"I think you've got to keep in mind that (players) allow you to manage them in today's game. It's not like you get to do it because of your job title," Showalter said from his Texas home.

"It was a lot of fun to kind of get out of the way," Showalter added. "I had a great seat."

Pittsburgh's Clint Hurdle, who earned the NL honor last year, finished second to Williams with eight first-place votes and 80 points. Bruce Bochy of the World Series champion San Francisco Giants was third with three firsts and 30 points.

"For me, as a newcomer to the managerial fraternity, it is a privilege just to be considered amongst the best in our game. Clint and Bruce are certainly that," Williams said in a Nationals statement.

Miami's Mike Redmond also got a first-place vote and finished fifth, behind St. Louis' Mike Matheny.

## Morocco thrown out of African Cup, dumped as host



Morocco was thrown out of the 2015 African Cup of Nations and dumped as the host Tuesday after refusing to commit to the scheduled dates early next year because of fears over Ebola.

The tournament in January and February will now have a new host country only two months before kickoff, the Confederation of African Football said after an emergency meeting at its Cairo headquarters.

CAF didn't announce the replacement host, but said it had received "some applications."

"These applications are currently under review, and the executive committee will finalize the selection of the successful national association shortly," the African football body said in a statement.

It didn't name any of the candidates.

South Africa, Egypt, Sudan and Ghana have all already indicated they are unwilling to replace Morocco, partly because of Ebola. Nigeria, Angola and Gabon have also been mentioned as possible stand-in hosts.

The decisions by CAF were taken at a meeting that was forced by Mo-

rocco's refusal to hold the tournament on the planned dates of Jan. 17-Feb. 8 because of the threat of the spread of Ebola. The disease has killed about 5,000 people in West Africa, and Morocco wanted the 16-team soccer event postponed until 2016 because of fears the deadly virus would arrive with supporters and other travelers.

CAF repeatedly refused Morocco's request to postpone the African Cup, the body's main money-earning tournament, and gave the country until Saturday to commit to the planned dates. Morocco declined again.

"The Royal Moroccan Football Federation reiterated its refusal to hold the competition on the dates indicated," CAF said Tuesday. "Therefore having firmly and unanimously notified ... its decision to keep the competition on the dates indicated, the executive committee confirmed that the Africa Cup of Nations 2015 will not take place in Morocco."

CAF's executive committee also decided "that the national team of Morocco is automatically disqualified" because of its "refusal" to host. CAF will decide on further punishments for Morocco for breaching its contract as host, it said.

CAF must now decide on a new host nation, one which will have little time to prepare. The decision on the new host would be made "shortly," CAF said, but it didn't give a solid timeframe.

It also will have to re-schedule the final draw for the tournament, and the ongoing qualifying competition might be affected if a country currently playing in the qualifiers is given an automatic place in the final tournament as the new host.

After Morocco indicated last month that it wanted a postponement, CAF approached seven countries to act as possible short-notice hosts, according to South Africa, one of the nations on the list.

No country has publicly said yet that it wants to host the tournament in Morocco's place.

Although Guinea is the only one of the three West African countries worst-affected by Ebola to still have a good chance of qualifying for the final tournament, there was nothing stopping fans from the other Ebola countries from traveling, Moroccan authorities said. They warned of the dangers of supporters from football-mad West Africa mixing with large groups of other fans at stadiums.

Morocco said it wouldn't stand down over its position because of advice from its health authorities, which took precedence over sports.

Moroccan authorities were criticized by some sections of their own media over their decision, which could result in a ban from future editions of the African Cup.

"While harping on the risk of Ebola, Morocco's position is strongly contradicted by Royal Air Maroc's 15 flights a week to countries affected by Ebola," an editorial in the French-language Moroccan daily Les Echos said. "There are not less than 1,500 people transported from these countries to Morocco every week, without a single case detected."

The paper predicted severe penalties and a negative political impact for Morocco.

Morocco is also scheduled to host FIFA's Club World Cup next month, featuring Champions League winner Real Madrid. The country said it was willing to continue with its hosting duties for that tournament because it didn't expect many supporters to travel to it from Ebola-affected regions.

The two African teams playing in the Club World Cup are from Morocco and Algeria.



# Spurs regulars deliver in win over Warriors



**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP) —Tony Parker had 28 points and seven assists, Kawhi Leonard scored 19 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Golden State Warriors 113-100 on Tuesday night.

The defending NBA champions played their aging Big Three—Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan—on consecutive nights to pull off California's most difficult back-to-back. The Spurs rallied past the Clippers 89-85 on Monday in Los Angeles before cooling off one of the league's hottest teams in Oakland.

Klay Thompson scored 29 points, and Harrison Barnes had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Warriors, who have lost two straight after a 5-0 start under new coach Steve Kerr.

San Antonio got a big boost from its bench and limited mistakes with the kind of all-around game that has defined the franchise for more than a decade.

The Spurs' reserves outscored the Warriors' bench 40-20. San Antonio also forced 20 turnovers and committed only eight, offsetting a night when the Warriors outshot San Antonio 54.3 percent to 49.5 percent.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich often rests his veterans at least one game when playing back-to-back days. The team issued a statement early Tuesday calling Duncan

and Ginobili questionable to play because they might rest.

Instead, Popovich played his regulars—and they delivered.

Duncan had 12 points and 13 rebounds in 36 minutes. Ginobili scored 17 points in 26 minutes, and Parker shot 11 of 17 from the floor in 30 minutes to pace San Antonio's stellar performance.

## Blazers 102, Hornets 100

In Portland, Damian Lillard had 29 points and the Trail Blazers trailed by as many as 23 points in the first half before rallying in the fourth quarter to beat the Charlotte Hornets 102-100 on Tuesday night.

Charlotte's Gary Neal made a layup at the final buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime, but the refs reversed the call after a review.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won four of their last five games and improved to 5-1 at the Moda Center.

Al Jefferson scored 22 points, while Lance Stephenson had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Hornets.

Portland rallied in the final period. Lillard's 3-pointer and Aldridge's 10-foot turnaround jumper narrowed it to 92-90 with 5:11 left.

The Blazers took their first lead of the game, 97-96, on Steve Blake's 3-pointer with 3:04 left. Portland stayed in



San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) dribbles past Golden State Warriors' Andrew Bogut (12) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014, in Oakland, Calif.

front, going up 102-98 with 14.3 seconds left. After Neal made a layup, Charlotte got the ball with 3.5 seconds left.

## Raptors 104, Magic 100

In Toronto, Kyle Lowry scored 19 points, Terrence Ross had 17 and the Toronto Raptors erased an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Orlando 104-100 on Tuesday night, their ninth consecutive victory over the Magic.

DeMar DeRozan had 16 points and Lou Williams scored eight of his 14 in the fourth as the Eastern Conference leaders won their fifth straight game overall and improved to 7-1.

Ross grabbed the rebound on a potential tying jump shot by Tobias Harris with 2 seconds left. Toronto has won its first five home games for the first time since 2003-04.

Evan Fournier scored 24 and

Harris had 23 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando, which lost its second straight.

## Mavericks 106, Kings 98

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki became the highest-scoring NBA player born outside of the United States, helping the Mavericks rally from 24 points down to beat the Kings.

Monta Ellis scored 10 of his 16 points in the third quarter, in-

cluding a fadeaway 3-pointer at the buzzer after the Mavericks had taken their first lead in their 21st straight regular-season win at home against Sacramento.

Nowitzki passed Hakeem Olajuwon for ninth place on the all-time scoring list. The 7-foot German finished with 23 for 26,953 career points, seven more than the Nigerian-born former star of the Houston Rockets.

Rudy Gay scored 26 to lead the Kings.

## Grizzlies 107, Lakers 102

In Memphis, Mike Conley scored 23 points and the Grizzlies finally got a strong effort from their struggling bench to beat the Lakers.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers (1-6) with 28 points, but shot 10 of 26 from the field and surpassed Boston Celtics great John Havlicek for the most missed field goals in an NBA career.

Reserve guard Wayne Ellington was not with the Lakers after his father was killed in Philadelphia on Sunday night.

Backup guard Beno Udrih had 16 points for Memphis. Courtney Lee scored 15 as six Grizzlies finished in double figures, including Zach Randolph with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Memphis has won 17 straight regular-season home games since a February loss to Dallas.

## Bucks 85, Thunder 78

In Milwaukee, O.J. Mayo scored 19 points and Brandon Knight added 16 as the Bucks held off a late Oklahoma City rally to beat the Thunder.

Reggie Jackson had 29 points, nine above his season average, for Oklahoma City. Serge Ibaka added 14 as the Thunder fell to 0-5 on the road.

The Bucks led by five after three quarters and extended their lead to as much as 11 in the fourth. Oklahoma City cut the lead to four on two free throws by Ibaka with 31 seconds left but got no closer.

## S I D E B A R

## Kobe breaks NBA record for most career missed shots

**MEMPHIS** (AP)—Los Angeles Lakers legend Kobe Bryant has put his name into the NBA history books many times over, either by grabbing sole possession of records or steadily working his way up the lists of all-time greats. He has accomplished a great deal in his 19 seasons, and it's fair to assume he'll add more milestones to his resume before his career is done.

Unfortunately for Kobe, reaching many of those marks has also entailed making negative history. He made an especially notable record in Tuesday night's road game against the Memphis Grizzlies. With 6:25 remaining in the fourth quarter, Bryant missed his 13th shot of the game, a fadeaway jumper from the left post over Courtney Lee. It was also the 13,418th miss of his career, which put him ahead of Boston Celtics Hall of Famer John Havlicek for first on the all-time missed-field-goals list.

Kobe did not appear especially concerned with his new place in history:

The mere fact Kobe passed Havlicek, one of the best players in basketball history, proves

this record is not an especially shameful one to hold. It is in many ways a mark of longevity and continued relevance, because someone cannot set a record for missed shots unless he is in a position to shoot many times. Basketball fans differ on whether Kobe should continue to be treated like one of the best players in the league at 36 years old, but the mere existence of the argument shows how special a career he has had.

At the same time, Kobe's mentality and style of play have garnered their fair share of criticism over the years, with various naysayers pointing to his propensity to force shots and look off others who may be more open. There is certainly some truth to these comments—Kobe has led the league in shot attempts six times in his career despite playing with some talented teammates—but he also owns a career field-goal percentage of 45.3 percent with a true shooting percentage of 55.5 percent (134th all-time and above league-average). Bryant has been pretty efficient over his career, even if he's not among the best ever.

## 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis out for season

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—



Patrick Willis so hoped he would be able to withstand the pain in his troublesome toe and play on this season, and ultimately help lead the San Francisco 49ers to another playoff run.

Instead, Willis will miss the remainder of the season and require surgery for a strained muscle in his left big toe. He was placed on the season-ending injured reserve list Tuesday after getting hurt in the third quarter at St. Louis on Oct. 13.

"It's very frustrating," Willis said. "My teammates mean everything to me and I want to be out there experiencing all the good times and all the rough times with them."

A Pro Bowler in his first seven NFL seasons, Willis had missed

six games in his career before this latest injury sidelined him for the final 10 games of 2014 for San Francisco (5-4). He had 34 tackles and an interception this season for the Niners.

Willis is a captain and leader of a 49ers team that has reached the NFC championship game in each of the past three seasons.

"We haven't lost him in the locker room," linebacker Michael Wilhoite said. "We're still all together here. It hurts but at same time we need to keep going out and win games."

Willis had hoped the injury wasn't so serious to sideline him long term. He missed practice last week after returning in a limited role the previous week.

"This is something I have been dealing with for a long time now," Willis said. "I want to get it done so I can get back to rehab-

bing and get back to form."

Willis indicated his toe has been bothering him for several years and that he continued to play as long as he could stand the pain.

"I always think I can do more than I'm supposed to and tried to compensate," Willis said. "Sometimes guys are hurting, and hurting bad, and still go out and play. You could say I should have done this earlier, before I hurt it worse against the Rams."

After resting through the Oct. 26 bye, Willis was back as part of the 49ers' full active squad on the field for the start of practice Oct. 29, but he had been limited primarily to individual work.

"I felt, maybe just give it a couple of weeks but it just didn't get better," Willis said. "I feel like I have five or six years left in my body so I have

to think about the big picture. I promise you when I come back I will be bigger and better than I was."

This is a big loss to one of the NFL's leading defenses, though the 49ers are expected to have Aldon Smith back Sunday on the road against the New York Giants.

"Hopefully I can get in there and play as much as I have," Smith said. "I want to stay strong, keep my eyes on the prize and I'm ready to do that."

Smith is set to begin practicing this week after serving his nine-game suspension by the NFL for violations of the league's substance-abuse and personal-conduct policies.

"I did everything that was necessary," Smith said. "I've learned a lot and ready to move forward."



# Final call for Art of War fighters

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Grapplers and submission fighters have until Friday to join the Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu jitsu Challenge set this Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Trench Tech founder and event organizer Cuki Alvarez said those still interested to join the event will have until 5pm tomorrow to register. Participants must provide their name and weight and indicate the division they are going to compete

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in. Tournament fee is \$10 per weight division and each participant can enter as many as three weight classes, provided he will compete in a higher weight category.

Fifty-four fighters have so far signed up and they will be competing in the flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, heavyweight, and Absolute Gi Open divisions.

Fighters in all weight classes are also allowed to join the Absolute Gi division. It is a free-for-all event with participants fighting for the gold.

Jasper Van Der Maas leads the list of fighters, as he entered four weight classes—lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and heavyweight divisions. Cousins Shane and Roman Alvarez joined three weight categories and will be contending for the lightweight, welterweight and Open division titles, while Adam Harris will be competing in the Open, heavyweight and

middleweight classes.

Allan Aguon is entered in the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight divisions, while Mark Anthony Manalus and Jordan Manglona signing up in the lightweight and welterweight, and bantamweight and featherweight categories, respectively.

Pinchi Rangamar joined the featherweight and lightweight divisions, while Garry Ray will be among the contenders in the flyweight and bantamweight classes. Josh Duenas registered in the bantamweight and featherweight categories. Jones Langu is also a two-division contender and entered the featherweight and lightweight divisions, while Pete Keju joined the welterweight and middleweight classes.

Bradlee Manalo, Jimmy Kaipat, Inwon Hwang, Jadrien Camacho, Lorenzo Attao—who is also an Open division fighter—and Austin Rios are the other flyweight division fighters, while Joe Duenas and Wildon Camacho are entered in the bantamweight.

LJ George signed up in the welterweight and middleweight classes, while Kier Agda and Ning Cepeda registered in the middleweight and heavyweight categories. Other fighters are Mark Nuique, Daniel Floor, Jarome Fujihara, Paul Ayuyu, Ben Flores, Deny Jepen (featherweight); Vince Masga, Ko Palacios, Lucas Nutting, Bradley Palacios, Rich Aldan, Elden Dela Cruz, Renz Benghit, Jun Taitingfong, Jamal Mresbang and Neil Camacho (lightweight); Rey Kim, Kimo Lizama, Tyn-dale Maraiur, Vince Pua, Donivan Mendiola and Cole Morrill (welterweight); and Slade “The Rage” Adelbai, Tiger Yatsui, Kelvin Fitia and Myron “The Natural” San Nicolas (heavyweight).

For registration, call Cuki Alvarez at 483-4662.

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lastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Monday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Kagman, holding on to a slim 47-46 lead after three quarters, outscored Saipan Southern in the fourth, 22-6, to clinch its fourth win in seven games. Kelsey Lizama led the Lady Ayuyus’ run in the fourth frame, scoring 13 points in the payoff period.

The game was close from the opening tip with neither team leading by as much as 5 points before Kagman pulled away in the fourth.

The Ayuyus entered the second quarter with a 5-point lead, 20-15, while the Mantas enjoyed a 35-32 spread at the turn.

Lizama paced Kagman with a team-high 22 points, while Rose Jones added 9 markers. Nikela Masayos, Jollin Mettao, Natasha Ngirausui and Alisha Villagomez made 6 points each.

## 2 members submit plans; NMSA wants more women in sports

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Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White has renewed his call to all member federations to submit their respective developmental plans as so far only two have complied to his request.

Bodybuilding and swimming had already submitted their respective 1- and 4-year plans to further promote and develop their sports in the CNMI.

White requested for the reports as he encouraged member federations to become more aggressive in developing their athletes and monitoring the growth of their grassroots programs. Deadline for submission of these reports is set for NMSA’s next meeting on December 4 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room. White is only asking each federation to submit a brief summary of their group’s plans.

Meanwhile, the NMSA chief

also lamented that only a few women are involved in sports and called on each federation to have more female players in their respective tournaments. White made the call after seeing that only Anna Calvert was the female nominee for the NMSA/TSL Foundation student athlete of the month (October) honor.

He added he wants sports federations to practice gender equality and again reminded them of holding an open tryout for their respective national teams, which will be joining off-island tournaments like the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

“They need to get these things done by the end of the year. Each sport should also hold one national championship,” said White.

The winners will be selected to represent the CNMI in other international competitions, like the Micronesian Games, Pacific Mini Games, and other tournaments hosted by each world sports federations.



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Mimi Sakano competes in the second leg of the 2014 All Schools Cross Country Series. Northern Marianas Sports Association president Mike White wants more women competing in various tournaments.

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ki, and Akimaru teamed up in the mixed U10 200m medley relay and timed in at 3:08.77 to beat SIS (3:32.31), Whispering Palms (4:00.47), and GTC Team 2 (4:04.42) composed of Richard Villagomez, Tomie, Akira Kadokura, and Allen.

In the mixed U10 200m freestyle relay, the quartet of Nieve and Susana Villagomez, Ocanada, and Wataru Kadokura submitted 3:53.83 to finish second behind Brilliant Star’s Cassy Chambers, Aasish and Ashley Dangol, and Savita Sikkell, who combined for 3:44.30. Whispering Palms’ two teams came in at third and fourth.

In the individual races, Watanabe, Akimaru, and Akira Kadokura handed GTC two

first place finishes each. Watanabe ruled the girls U8 50m breaststroke after recording 49.79 seconds and the 50m freestyle (51.06 seconds). Akimaru also joined the 50m freestyle race and was the top finisher in the boys U8 division after clocking in at 39.04 seconds, while his other first place win was registered in the 100m freestyle (1:28.06). Kadokura competed in the boys 9 to 10’s 50m breaststroke and timed in at 51.31 seconds to down four others, while he also topped the 100m breaststroke after recording 1:58.17.

GTC’s other first place finish was courtesy of Suzuki, who raced in the boys 9 to 10’s 100m butterfly and completed the event in 1:38.40.

Meanwhile, William S. Reyes Elementary School

joined GTC and Whispering Palms in the Top 3 after gaining 68 points. WSR defeated Brilliant Star in a close fight for third place, as the latter was just three point short of surpassing the former’s score. Saipan International School also had a tough fight for fourth place with Brilliant Star with the Geckos collecting 65 points. Garapan Elementary School (53 points), Grace Christian Academy (44), Saipan Community (41), Mount Carmel School (35), Seventh Day Adventist (20), Kagman Elementary School (18), Eucon International School (14), and Golden Harvest International (7) completed the field.

Meanwhile, results in the middle school and high school divisions will be reported in *Saipan Tribune’s* Friday edition.

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win in eight games.

Kanoa FC remained winless, failing to stun Paire despite scoring first. A goal from J.D. Jose in the third minute gave Kanoa the first half lead, which it eventually lost when two different players from Paire delivered the needed goals. Only the jersey numbers of the Paire scorers were listed in the match report and they did not match with the roster provided.

Meanwhile, the girls U15 division also has a new leader in Shirley’s Football Club, which

downed Paire, 3-1.

Shirley’s now has a 7-0-1 record for 21 points, just two markers ahead of idle Matansa Football Club (6-1-0). These two teams are up for a close fight for the division championship with two playing days left in the fall season.

Katherine Magat scored a hat-trick in Shirley’s win, making the goals in succession, as she drilled the team’s last two in the first half and one in the second. Jobelle Tabuena and Jasmine Phan registered the two other goals, while Guinevere Borja and Renita Fleming knocked in one each for Paire.

In the other girls U15 tiff last weekend at the Hopwood pitch, Tan Holdings also cruised to a 9-1 victory over the winless Kanoa FC.

Chloe Salvosa duplicated Magat’s feat with her three goals in the match, firing the first two in the opening frame and also scoring Tan Holding’s last goal. Mary Kay Alferos chipped in two goals, while Krizel Mae and Kyla Tuazon, Katherine Angeles, and Emalyn Aniana contributed one apiece.

Tan Holdings gained only its third win in eight games, while Kanoa absorbed its eighth straight setback.

and Jenny Lee scored 2 points or more for MHS varsity.

Martina Ada top-scored for the JV team with her 20 points, built around four 3-pointers. Maria Theresa Dalisay and Alyanna Garon were the only two other scorers for MHS JV, making 2 each.

## First Game

**MHS V 45** – Reyes 11, Pablo 8, Rastguay 6, Abantao 4, Farro 4, Race 4, Vergara 4, Echaves 2, Lee 2.

**MHS JV 24** – Ada 20, Dalusong 2, Garon 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-8, 31-12, 41-16, 45-24.

## Second Game

**KHS 69** – Lizama 22, R. Jones 9, Masayos 6, Mettao 6, Ngirausi 6, Villagomez 6, Agulto 4, Cabrera 4, Lacay 4, J. Jones 2.

**SSHS 52** – Alegre 22, Babaut 9, Rogoyawa 7, Alferos 5, Yutuc 4, Dalawampu 3, Pude 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-15, 32-35, 47-46, 69-52.



# 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League

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McDonald's Joe Ayuyu is sandwiched by two Top Development, Inc. defenders during their regular season game in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



Shirley's Vince Manibusan goes up for a reverse layup.



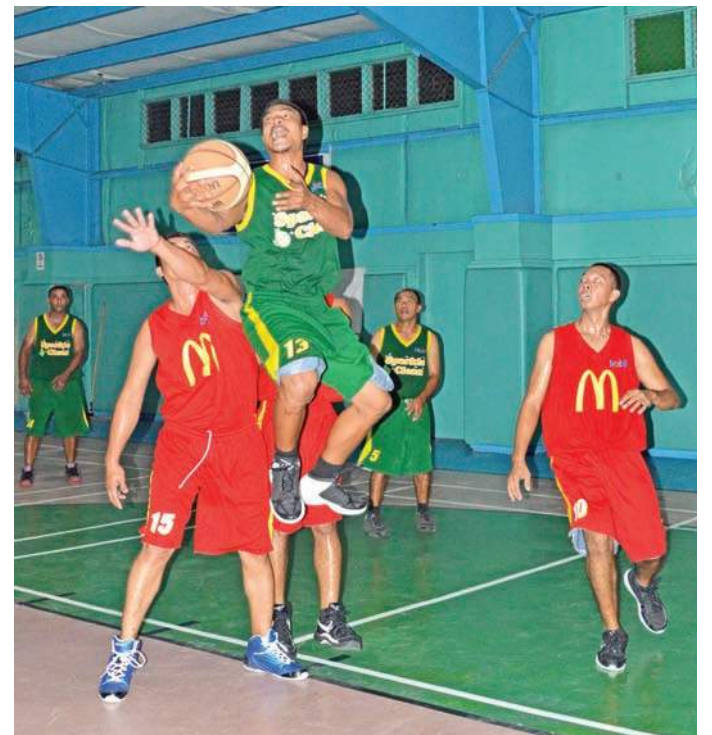
Public School System's Joe Villacrusis pulls up for a jumper against Joeten's Alex Lauron.



Saipan Ice's Joel Fernandez, right, and McDonald's McLain Achas battle for the loose ball.



Saipan Ice's Treat Kaipat goes up for a layup against McDonald's Tim Deleon Guerrero, left, and Gil Gapor.



Saipan Ice's Jerome Norita drives past McDonald's defenders.



Shirley's Coffee Shop's Erick Dela Rosa powers his way past a Top Development, Inc. defender for a point-blank shot.



MBI/Anchor's Art Trajano pulls up for a jumper against CUC's Alain Nunez.



Joeten's Kevin De Leon unloads a long jumper against Saipan Ice's Edgar Villanueva.



CUC's Frank Mizutani blocks a shot from Joeten's Kevin De Leon.





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## GTC ends Whispering Palms' reign

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**G**regorio T. Camacho Elementary School foiled Whispering Palms' title defense bid after winning the elementary division crown in Saipan Swim Club's 21st All Schools Swimming Championships held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

GTC collected 162 points from the 11 events it competed in to beat the 142 of Whispering Palms and end the former's nine-year domination in the annual tournament. Points were awarded to schools based on how their swimmers finished in the various races.

The newly crowned elementary division champion fielded 14 swimmers in the weekend tournament. The list includes siblings Richard, Nieves, and Susana Villagomez, Akira and



Wataru Kadokura, Kenta Tomie, Gabriel Retardo, Leo Takahashi, Taiyo Akimaru, Jinnosuke Suzuki, Nanaka Watanabe, Miles Timmons, Grace Allen, and Kate Ocanada,

GTC recorded one first place and runner-up finish in relay races, won seven events, finished second in five, and placed third in four more races to prevail in the elementary division.

Takahashi, Watanabe, Suzuki,

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Gregorio T. Camacho's Wataru Kadokura competes in the boys U8's 50m breaststroke event of last Saturday's SSC All Schools meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

## Tan Holdings FC inches closer to co-ed U12 title

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The co-ed U12 division title is within Tan Holding Football Club's reach, following its crucial 2-1 win over rival MP United FC last Saturday in the 2014 NMIFA Fall League at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Tan Holdings climbed up to first place in the team stand-

ings, dislodging MP United, as the former improved its record to 5-2-1 (win-draw-loss) for 17 points. MP United dropped to a 5-1-2 card for 16 points to slide to second place, but it still has a chance to regain the top spot and the division crown if it wins against Kanoa FC this Saturday and Tan Holdings loses to



Paire FC in the other game this weekend.

Thaipi Austria led Tan Holdings' important victory against MP United, drilling both goals in the game. Austria scored early, finding the back of the net in the seventh minute to give Tan Holdings the upper hand.

However, Oliver Lee retaliated for MP United 20 minutes

later and the game was back to square one after the first half. In the second half, Austria eluded MP United defenders anew and lit up the board in the 49th to boost Tan Holdings' chances for the division crown.

In the other co-ed U12 game last weekend, Paire edged Kanoa FC to notch its fourth

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## Kagman, MHS varsities drub foes

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Kagman High School went on a fourth-

quarter scoring spree in waltzing past Saipan Southern High School, 69-52, in the 2014 Marianas Intersch-

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JON PEREZ

Marianas High School's Joy Pena tries to dribble past a Mt. Carmel School defender during their game in the MISO girls caging at the MHS Gymnasium. Pena and the Lady Dolphins' varsity squad remain undefeated after beating their junior varsity team last Monday.



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Tan Holdings FC players, coaches, and supporters pose for a photo after beating MP United, 2-1, in the co-ed U12 division of the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.